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CPA: USDOT has the final say



The Commonwealth Ports Authority stands by the board resolution suspending all new flights into the CNMI, including Beijing Air

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Inspectors intercepted methamphetamine or "ice" hidden

Hong Kong passenger at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan In-

ternational Airport early yes-

uments.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration filed late after-

he Commonwealth Ports Authority stands by a resolution to suspend the entry of new interna-

tional flights to the CNMI until it receives a response from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In an order issued by CPA executive director Christopher Tenorio yesterday afternoon, he said the suspension will stay "for an indefinite period" until a response is received from USDOT.

The resolution, which the CPA board adopted on June 13, 2017, had said that the suspension of new international flights to the CNMI is for 60

days. The Torres administration and CPA will use the 60 days supposedly to assess the current state of the CNMI's infrastructures' capacity to accommodate the rapid increase in visitor arrival.

Tenorio's directive yesterday emphasized that all airlines approved by USDOT and has met all federal and

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Workers say processing taking too long

By ERWIN ENCINARES

Chinese workers erupted in protest again yesterday, expressing dismay over the imminent opening of the casino and the sluggish pace of negotiations between the companies and labor offices in-

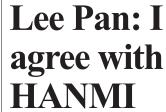
volved. They claimed that the first batch of workers got paid quickly compared to them.

The protest, which lasted two hours in front of the partially completed and still closed Imperial Pacific Resort, comprised about 43 unpaid workers of Suzhou Gold Mantis Construction Decoration.

MCC International, CMC Macau, and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd.

One of the 43 protesting workers, Zhang Chunfeng, told Saipan Tribune yesterday that the group is unhappy that the casino was able to get a conditional certificate of oc-

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By ERWIN ENCINARES

A lawmaker believes Beijing Airlines should be allowed to come to the CNMI since prior arrangements have given the airline the right to enter the islands.

House Committee on Commerce and Tourism chair Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) also urged Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to reconsider barring the airline's entry.

"If we lose this number, it's going to hurt us," said Guerrero, referring to the \$600,000 in potential losses local hotels and the airline face if the flight suspension pushes through.

Guerrero added that the reputations of both Beijing Capital Airlines, which runs Beijing Air, and the CNMI, are on the line.

"I highly recommend that

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'Ice' found in luggage of HK passenger terday morning. Nairu Li, 45, male, was arrested for unlawful importation of a controlled substance. The amount of seized "ice" inside an orange tube-like was not specified in court doccontainer in the luggage of a

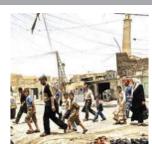
Disgruntled workers demand for their pay along with faster negotiations as they protested yesterday in **See ICE on Page 4** front of the soon-to-open Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan.



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Five media outlets covering southern China visit the Mari-

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The Islamic State group destroys Mosul's al-Nuri mosque.

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3800/01 or visit www.marianashighschool.com for more information. (*PR*)

NBG sets concert, fireworks on July 4

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam will host its next open-base event, the Freedom Rocks Festival, on July 4 at Polaris Point. This free event is open to the Guam community. Armed Forces Entertainment will present a concert by the alternative rock band Papa Roach, starting at 7pm. Fireworks will commence soon after the concert. There will be static displays of Navy equipment, a car show,

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Reciprocity sought for drivers licenses in Guam and the NMI

A CNMI lawmaker and three four Guam senators are finalizing and intend to introduce mirror legislation to extend non-commercial drivers license reciprocity to residents of the CNMI and Guam.

The reciprocity agreement bill will be introduced in the CNMI Legislature by Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan) and in the Guam Legislature by Sens. Wil Castro, Tommy Morrison, Joe S. San Agustin, and Dennis Rodriguez Jr.

The bill aims to establish programs, agreements, and other privileges that may mutually benefit the people of the

Marianas and that are in conformance with the transportation laws of the United States.

Blanco and Castro agree that both island communities enjoy a shared heritage, kinship, trade relations, language, and culture over the millennia.

"This CNMI-Guam effort will benefit students, families, entrepreneurs, and those travelling for medical purposes or whose stay extends past 30 days at a time. This is an initiative that we have been working on for the past few months, and I'm pleased that it is moving forward," said Blanco.

"I lived in the CNMI and

revoking of the notary public

commission, or the assess-

ment of a fine of \$100 to \$500

to be determined by the court.

my mother has deep roots here. It's only logical that if Guam and the CNMI comply with the same U.S. laws, that we should afford each other the same courtesies. By doing so, it builds solidarity between our people, closer relations between our governments, and a spirit of good faith as we grow and prosper together," said Castro.

Castro is a former director of Institutional Effectiveness at the Northern Marianas College.

The bill requires that persons possess a valid driver's license for no less than one year and provide proof of U.S. citizenship. (PR)

For more information, contact Esther San Nicolas Nesbitt at the OAG's Civil Division at 237-7500, or through email at esther nesbitt@cnmioag.org. (PR)

Notaries reminded to submit journals

The Office of the Attorney General is reminding all notaries public commissioned in the Commonwealth that they are required to submit a copy of their journals on or before June 30, 2017.

"The law requires notaries public to submit their journal copies each year by June 30 or face sanctions," the attorney general states.

Failure to comply with journal submissions by the deadline may be grounds for



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LEE PAN

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the governor should reconsider and allow this airline to come in," he said.

Guerrero said that the hotel occupancy issues should been looked at "a long time ago."

"We knew that this was forthcoming. We knew that we were bound to see the number of tourists rise," he said, citing Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands' statistics showing 97 percent occupancy rates for memberhotels.

cupancy last May 16, while

the workers that built the ca-

sino itself have yet to receive

a portion of their hard-earned

The conditional certificate

of occupancy would basically

allow the casino to operate

"We haven't have any up-

dates since we moved [to our

current barracks]," said Zhang.

"We were only told that there

were discussions going on with

the U.S. Department of Labor,

with limited services.

WORKERS

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money.

"I hope that the governor would consider allowing [Beijing Air] to fly in because they have scheduled their flights already. It is a huge loss for the airlines [and especially for the CNMII in the event that they don't fly in," he said, adding that subsequent airlines seeking permission to offer flights to the CNMI be the ones barred for now.

In a June 8 letter to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Torres requested the CPA board to implement a 60-day moratorium ("or until further notice"), barring new international flights from en-

so we are still here [waiting],"

he said, adding that the casino

would be opening soon but

their wages have yet to be set-

tled. Zhang and his colleagues

moved to their current barracks

"How is it that Imperial Pa-

cific can be permitted to open

the casino and profit from it,

while the workers who built

it still have not been legally

compensated?" asked Zhang.

testers that the CNMI Depart-

ment of Labor's last visit with

them was at their May protest.

Guilin, explained that the

Another protester, Zhang

It was reported by the pro-

in mid-May.

tering the CNMI.

Because of this, Beijing Air, which has already secured a permit from the U.S. Department of Transportation last Jan. 17, 2017, to fly to Saipan and was expected to make its maiden flight this June 29, 2017, was dismayed after a letter from CPA informed it that it is included in the temporary ban.

Beijing Air then sued CPA and CPA executive director Chris Tenorio last Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI

A statement from the Torres administration states that they

group believes that their

"wages should be paid" prior

A source familiar with

the protesters and the mat-

ter informed Saipan Tribune

through email that as the group

was protesting yesterday,

Gold Mantis workers report-

edly received an offer from

the company to be paid \$5,000

each and that they will pur-

chase their own tickets going

back to China. All the workers

reportedly refused the offer.

The source said that, accord-

ing to the workers, the amount

is barely enough to pay off

the interest on the money they

to the opening of the casino.

received the complaint last Wednesday and has chosen to first review the complaint before making a more substantial statement.

"The Office of the Governor will continue to conduct its review of the complaint and will make a decision to move forward with the relevant parties involved. We will provide additional information as soon as we conclude our review," added the statement.

HANMI, who at first supported the moratorium, has withdrawn its support after realizing that Beijing Air was included in the temporary ban.

borrowed to pay for their recruitment fee to Saipan.

Some workers paid up to \$10,000 in recruitment fees back in China.

The workers insisted that they be paid the amounts owed them under the law and that they would not be returning home "until all workers were paid this amount by all contractors."

According to the protesters, USDOL reportedly told them during a visit last Wednesday that they have yet to arrive at an agreement with the lawyers representing Gold Mantis, CMC Macau, Beillida, and MCC.

is in place would airlines be allowed to fly in and use the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport, he said.

"Airlines that do not sign and concur with the CPA requirements for the [airline use agreement] may not use the Saipan International Airport facility until such time that ed and effective [agreement]," the order states.

CPA, CPA cannot assure or promise and bears no obligaairline carrier may make.

"However, CPA shall make best and reasonable efforts to expedite and process all [airline use agreement] applica-

Tenorio's order came with a set of justifications for its implementation.

He said CPA will confer with USDOT and the Federal

well as the CNMI government definitely until further notice."

The CPA executive director's order was released two days after Beijing Air sued CPA to stop the suspension.

Beijing Air was permitted to fly from China to Saipan by USDOT and CPA before the suspension was issued. It is the sole airline to be affected by the suspension, which will produce cancellation of two fully booked flights that were

Beijing Air has already sold

On June 6, 2017, CPA deputy director Edward Mendiola sent Beijing Air an email saying that CPA was going to implement a temporary ban on

In both notices, Beijing Air was not given an explanation why the ban was going to be implemented. Beijing Air also contends that the suspension

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removing the cigarette pack. When the inspector opened Li's luggage, he saw a smaller bag that contained a box. The box contained a small roll of tin foil and a long plastic tube.

He asked Li what the items were for, but the passenger did not respond.

The inspector then requested assistance from another Customs inspector. One inspector then emptied out the smaller bag, where he observed an orange tube-like

Renguul stated in his report that at the bottom of the tube was crystal-like substance that later tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine.

Renguul and three Customs inspectors then escorted Li to Corrections for his detention.

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rides for kids, food vendors (from various American and Chamorro eateries), and various beverages (including water, soda, and beer). Gates at Polaris Point open at 3pm, and the event starts at 4pm. A valid ID (such as a Guam driver's license, except children under 16) is required to enter Polaris Point for this free event—all patrons must be U.S. citizens. (PR)

According to DEA Task

Renguul said the inspector

The inspector became sus-

picious after noticing that Li

was visibly shaking as he was

Temporary closure of the Garapan Fishing **Base Boat launching**

All boaters and frequent visitors to the Garapan Fishing Base are reminded that the fishing base boat launching ramp will be temporarily closed until today, June 23 2017, to provide the Hawaiian Rock Products construction crew ample time to complete the paving of the trailer boat parking lot. Please avoid parking in the proposed paving area. For more information, contact the Department of Lands and Natural Resources at 322-9834. (PR)

SHEFA now accepting applications

For all new, ongoing and returning applicants: The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program is now accepting applications for fall 2017. Application deadline is July 3, 2017, and deadline to submit all supporting documents is Sept. 30, 2017. Application and checklist can be downloaded from www. saipanshefa.net. For more information, visit the SHEFA website, email saipanshefa@ gmail.com, or call the office

directly at (670) 233-5995. Applications can be scanned and emailed, submitted to the SHEFA office, or faxed to (670) 235-5996. (PR)

SSHS registration

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Come to our main office and pick up registration forms. All requirements must be turned in. Call 664-4000/2 for any other information. (PR)

KHS registration

All parents and guardians of Kagman High School students are being informed that KHS is open for enrollment and accepting registrations all summer. It is ideal to get your registration submitted ASAP to get your child scheduled in the optimum classes they need to graduate! So far we have received less than 150 registrations from returning students. We have also received very few registration forms from incoming freshmen! Please don't delay, register your child for school today. Registration can be printed from https:// goo.gl/x2KvcL. (PR)

VA benefits counselor to visit Saipan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration will be visiting Saipan. A VA benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA outreach clinic on June 28, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm, to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The Saipan VA outreach clinic is located at the MH II Building, Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. (PR)

CPA

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CPA regulations for air service "need to sign the appropriate airline use agreement."

Only once the agreement

there is in place a fully execut-

Without an airline use agreement between the airline and tions as to any commitments an

tions," the order adds.

Aviation Administration as

in order to address concerns while ensuring a mutually beneficial approach which is proactive and productive. As such the stay is imposed in-

scheduled to fly to Saipan on June 29, 2017.

more than 2,000 tickets, including flights for the month of July, after CPA authorized it to fly in.

all international flights.

deprives it of due process.

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VMI tournament down to final slots

Player slots for Saturday's 16th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament are going fast, with only 10 slots still available for play-

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Players are invited to ensure their slot by registering at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Is-

Business Hours: 6pm-9pm

Menu: "All you can eat & drink"

Beers, red & white wine, soft drinks,

oolong tea and juices

Resort, or Mariana Country Club.

"For the last several years, the HANMI tournament has grown in popularity and has

Business Hours: 10:00am-6:00pm

Pizza Set (\$10.00) available

age anyone interested in playing to do so early," said tournament chair Takahiro Omori.

The tournament fee is \$140; for an additional \$30, players

20% Discount available for all

play prizes, including accurate drive circle, nearest of the pin, and accurate drive line. A shotgun start will be held at 7am.

Island Training Solutions is among the latest companies to step forward as a sponsor for the tournament.

"Island Training Solutions is proud to support HAMNI's annual golf tournament which helps provide funding for Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Crime Stoppers, Marianas Tourism Education Council, animal welfare and control programs, and more," said ITS owner Jim Arenovski.

ITS is a full service train-

ing company providing staff development and compliance training to businesses and government agencies on Saipan Guam, and Palau since 2006. ITS is the regional partner and licensee for the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute. Arenovski is a certified hospitality trainer under AHLEI and a Gitomer licensed

Saturday's hole-in-prizes include cash, cars, hotel night stays, and others.

trainer for Jeffery Gitomer.

The awards banquet will be held on Saturday, June 24, at 6pm at Grandvrio Resort Saipan. (Saipan Tribune)



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Island Training Solutions owner Jim Arenovski presents a \$600 hole sponsorship to Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh for the 16th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on June 24, 2017, at Laolao Bay Golf &





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Over the past month, the Department of Corrections 7th Cycle Academy has undergone physical training, emergency tactics, and received ethics and professional conduct training to better serve the needs of the prison in Susupe.

Acting Corrections Commissioner Vincent Attao

said that regular training of cadets and reinforcement with the Department of Public Safety has improved the quality of professional conduct and integrity.

Public Safety counselor Jennifer McQuay, for her part, demonstrated techniques to control and manage stressful

Corrections cadets undergo training

situations in a correctional facility and overall anger management for cadets.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres noted that vigilance, respect for human rights, and sense of responsibility must be emphasized in all trainings with law enforcement and corrections. "Corrections officers are giv-

en the duty to keep peace and order while providing the appropriate services to immates in this time of rehabilitation. There is a very delicate balance needed to achieve this and many of these officers take these stresses home with them. We have been progressing in how we enforce

rights, and moving forward we want to improve the quality of rehabilitation and these cadets play a key role in this endeavor," Torres said.

Attao said that physical training and counseling are key parts to ensuring that cadets are fit for duty.

"These cadets are given a role of authority and it is important that they fully understand these responsibilities. Our Correctional Emergency Response Team, for example, goes through a selection process that screens officers with the highest level of ethical conduct and strategic responsibility.

They serve on our Elite Response Team. We hope that, with regular and consistent training, this next cycle of cadets will be at the fore-

front of inmate safety and serve as a model for correctional conduct to ensure the wellbeing of the community," Attao said. (PR)





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Judge: No need to subpoena prosecutor

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Superior Court has ruled there is no need to subpoena a prosecutor as a witness in the sexual abuse case of a former Rota police officer.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho determined that Melvin Maratita Manglona has not established a compelling need for he testimony of assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub.

Camacho said that Manglona failed to establish that Weintraub's personal opinion as to the credibility of the alleged victim is "necessary and not merely relevant."

The judge said that Manglona failed to show that Weintraub's testimony is both "necessary and not merely relevant and that all other available sources of comparably probative evidence had been exhausted."

The 49-year-old Manglona is charged with two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and one count of disturbing the peace.

Last May 31, Manglona, through his counsel, subpoenaed Weintraub as a witness in the case but did not provide any details, information, or argument in support of his subpoena.

Assistant attorney general Teri C. Tenorio asked the court to quash the subpoena.

At the motion hearing last June 14, Manglona, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, indicated he would be calling Weintraub to ask her whether she called the alleged victim a liar while speaking on the phone with the child's mother.

Nicholas said Manglona intends to call the mother to testify that Weintraub had called her daughter a liar.

Tenorio denied that Weintraub had made any such statement.

In granting the OAG's motion to quash on Wednesday,

Camacho said if and when the alleged victim testifies, the trier-of-fact will be able to make a determination as to her credibility based on her testimony.

Camacho said any statement regarding Weintraub's opinion on the alleged victim's credibility would be cumulative.

Thus, the judge pointed out, Manglona has failed to establish that Weintraub's personal opinion about the alleged victim is "necessary and not merely relevant."

Camacho said testimony regarding whether or not Weintraub called the alleged victim a "liar" is not the only way for

the defendant to present this evidence to the jury.

The OAG alleged that Manglona sexually abused the 14-year-old girl last July and on Aug. 11, 2016, on Rota. The

girl told police that Manglona has been sexually abusing her since she was 9 years old.

Manglona's trial will be on Rota starting this Monday, June 26.

NMC 2016 financial audit out

By BEA CABRERA

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The Northern Marianas College 2016 financial audit has been released by the Office of the Public Auditor last June 22, 2017.

Burger, Comer and Magliari accounting firm conducted the independent audit. The report

was released to the public consistent with transparency and accountability in government.

According to the report, NMC prepared and fairly presented its financial statements and supplemental information in accordance with accounting principles accepted in the U.S.

This procedure includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control of documents relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement due to error or fraud.

For its part, Burger, Comer and Magliari's audit involved performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The audit included evaluation of the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Burger, Comer and Magliari's audit report findings state that the financial statements of NMC were presented fairly and all financial position and cash flows ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Unites States.

The results of the tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under government auditing standards.



Petitioner,) FCD-DI-CIVIL Johnny S. Aldan) ACTION NO.) 17-0269

> vs.) SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

Patricia T. Obispo

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is As Matuis, P.O. Box 501893, CK as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

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Young Pros' Week kicks off June 26

The 2nd Annual MYPros Young Professionals Week is starting off with the proclamation signing by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres at Bridge Capital on Monday, June 26.

This will be followed by a week's worth of interesting and informative activities such as "Adulting 101: Personal Finance Mixer" at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Bank of Guam's "Small Business Seminar" at Saipan World Resort, and MYPros "Small Business Happy Hour with Mentors and MYPros" at Bubba Gump Shrimp.

Other actives include a MYPros dunking booth fundraiser event at the 2017 Liberation Day festival on June 30 and concluding with the 2nd White Sand Gala at the Surf Club on July 1.

"This isn't just a week of fun. We have some really amazing seminars planned that can benefit the young entrepreneurs of our community to help them thrive in their business and in life," said Matt Guerrero, president of MYPros.

"Yes, we really wanted to plan a week's worth of activities that are both fun as well as inspirational to the young professionals of the CNMI," said Nola Hix, vice president and Events Committee chair.

The White Sand Gala event will feature an award ceremony, music, canapés and beverages on the beach at Surf Club. Raffles and silent auctions will also be part of the fun. All guests are encouraged to come dressed to impress in white.

Winners of the MYPros Spotlight Award, Volunteer of the Year, and Young Professional of the Year awards will also be announced. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at any event during Young Professionals Week and from events committee members.

Except for the Gala event, all other Young Professionals Week events are free and open to the community.

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An array of options at LibDay festival

Members of the 2017 Liberation Day Committee met with vendors yesterday to finalize details before the Liberation Day festival grand opening tomorrow night, Saturday.

Over 30 people represent-

ing the vendors met with the committee yesterday at the Saipan Mayor's Office. Some were concerned that they needed more space at the festival grounds.

According to Maria Valenti-

na Haberman, vendors are not allowed to extend their tents beyond what is already provided them by the committee.

Vendors have also started to decorate their booths and many appeared enthusiastic about the coming festivities.

The Liberation Day Committee decided that this year's festival would showcase family businesses.

According to Haberman, the festival will revolve around community, culture, and service—"short and sweet and straight to the point."

She said the festival was shortened to 11 days to give these family businesses a chance to maximize their revenue and to also help out families who wanted to showcase their businesses but didn't know how.

The next set of vendors that will be part of the festival are businesses that participate and are accustomed to these kinds of events.

The public should expect businesses showcasing a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds and different cuisines.

The Liberation Day festival will start at 6pm tomorrow night, June 24, at the Garapan Fishing Base across Kristo Rai Church. (Kimberly A. Bautista)





CUC: No need to be alarmed about health advisory

By BEA CABRERA

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. assured yesterday that the public has no need to be alarmed about a recent health advisory about its water, saying that exposure to the concerned chemical "over a lifetime" is the important element of it

The CUC advisory on Tuesday stated that water samples from the Isley Booster station near the Saipan International Airport were found to contain a certain chemical, Perfluorooctane sulfonate or PFOS, at a concentration of 120 parts per trillion, exceeding the health advisory limit of 70 parts per trillion. PFOS is a chemical found in firefighting foam.

The affected areas include the villages of Chalan Laulau, Iliying, Chalan Kiya, As Terlaje, Kannat Tabla, Fina Sisu, and parts of As Lito. The advisory stated that consumers should not drink tap water, cook with tap water or make ice for consumption with tap water.

According to CUC deputy executive director William Gilmore, "the thing the people need to understand about it is there's no need to be alarmed. The effects start

to manifest over a lifetime of exposure. This is not an immediate concern, cause, or problem. The exposure over a lifetime is the important element of it."

Gilmore said the proximate cause of the health advisory goes back several years to 2008. Back then, as part of the firefighting certification program, firefighting foam was used during practice and training at the airport. The

foam used at that time included this chemical.

"So when it drains, it goes down into the soils and it's only now that we are seeing the effects of it over time," Gilmore said.

"The chemical PFOS is a unregulated chemical by the [Environmental Protection Agency], that's why it's a health advisory notice," he said.

Gilmore stressed that CUC

had been working hard to reduce the concentration of PFOS in the water around the affected areas.

"What we are trying to do is ameliorate the situation. There are solutions and we are applying them so we can capture the chemicals and remove it. We have removed the wells that are contaminated and have been identified as the source of the problem. It is an ongoing process where

we go back and evaluate any of the other wells in the area to make sure we are not getting it from anywhere else."

"We are already familiar with one solution that would rely on activated carbon that could potentially remove PFOS. We are always going to be looking to improve the system to protect the public. We would like to assure everyone that we are continuously looking for appropriate

solutions and this entails a plans that will carry for the long term," Gilmore said.

This comes at a time when CUC just came out with its 2016 water quality report.

"I stated that our water is safe and potable all over the island but it's not necessarily palatable. Now we have this situation that have just developed and the timing was just not right. So I apologize to the public for that," Gilmore said.





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GUANGDONG MVA hosts 5 major Chinese media outlets



Media reps from Southern China visit the Taste of the Marianas on May 27, 2017, on a familiarization tour of the Marianas organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Five mainstream media outlets covering southern China recently visited the Marianas to capture scenic sites and memorable experiences on Saipan and Tinian to share with their audience.

These media, hosted by the Marianas Visitors Authority, reach an audience of over 1.8 million via print circulation and over 3 million via radio and television.

"Last month's [familiariza-

tion] tour was an excellent opportunity to share the Marianas with a very large part of southern China, which is a major market for us," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "In particular, we were pleased to give them the chance to have a unique culinary and community experience at our iconic Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden."



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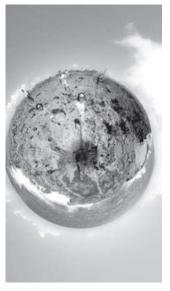
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	APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	STATUS
1.	Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)	6/6/2017 SPI-2017-X-069	Soil Investigation	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved - 6/21/2017
2.	Skywalker Holdings, LLC	6/6/2017 SW-2017-X-070	Pre-fabricated Residential Home	Papago, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangroves	Approved - 6/20/2017
3.	Ocean Sports Corp.	6/8/2017 SLR-2017-X-071	Marine Sports SCUBA Tour Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 6/21/2017
4.	Mark Arnold Santos dba Mac's Marine	6/8/2017 SLRm-2013-X-042	Marine Sports Lagoon Tour Operation	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 6/12/2017
5.	Lu Haize dba Ocean Tour Corp. – FD Tour	6/9/2017 SLR-2017-X-072	Marine Sports Kayak Operation	San Roque, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	On Hold - pending supplemental information
6.	Shim Corporation dba Pro Divers Saipan	6/16/2017 SLR-2017-X-073	Marine Sports SCUBA Tour Operation	As Matuis, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 6/22/2017
7.	Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	6/16/2017 SWm-2017-X-074	Installation of water main on Ifet Drive.	Capitol Hill, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangroves	Under Review

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*)

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinjan may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



Media representatives from southern China visit the Blowhole on Tinian on a familiarization tour of the Marianas organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority in May 2017.

While in the Marianas on May 27-29, 2017, the group visited scenic and historic sites on Saipan and Tinian, the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden, Sea Touch marine encounter, Kinpachi Restaurant, Paseo de Marianas, I Love Saipan, T Galleria, Managaha, Mariana Lounge, Monster Truck car rental, Best Sunshine International yacht and casino, and Sichuan Restaurant.

Voice of China was started in 1994 by Chinese National Radio and is the only bilingual (Cantonese and Chinese) national radio channel to cover Hong Kong, Macao, and the Pearl River Delta.

"Saying Guangdong" is the leading food program of Voice of China, introducing the most popular food culture from all over the world.

Founded in 1952, the radio programs of Sichuan Radio and Television are the most popular radio channels in Southwestern China and reach across Southeast Asia as well.

"Minjiang Traveler" is a travel-themed program of FM99.5 with a very large and growing audience.

TVS2 is the first satellite channel to broadcast purely in Cantonese in mainland China. The program "FUN" is a lifestyle entertainment show, which has been broadcasting for over a decade.

Founded in 1952, Guangzhou Daily is the leading newspaper under Guangzhou Daily Corp. It is the most distributed, most subscribed, best-selling and most viewed newspaper in Guangdong province.

Tencent is one of the mainstream news portal websites in China, with over 800 million daily page views. Tencent Guangong (gd.qq.com) is the regional portal in Southern China. (MVA)

Divers clear submerged wrecks from Guam waters

ASAN, Guam—Salvage divers from nine Western Pacific Naval Symposium nations and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas environmentalists removed submerged wreckage around Guam during Diving Exercise 2017 on June 12-15.

The team safely removed two submerged sailboats from the waters of Apra Harbor near the Port Authority of Guam, which sank more than a decade ago. Later in the week, the team also removed the wreckage of an automobile from the waters around Merizo Pier.

"This effort was a One Guam initiative to apply Navy salvage training to... remove unwanted items from nearshore locations," said Bill Kavanagh, regional environmental coordinator, Joint Region Marianas / NAVFAC Marianas. "The combined efforts of all involved represent a win-win for the environment and the Navy divers who are working to improve their operational capabilities."

Kavanagh added underwater wreckage was removed

from Guam waters improving navigation and aesthetics while Navy divers enhanced their skills by salvaging actual submerged objects under variable sea conditions.

The seven-member dive team from the Navy's Mobile Salvage Diving Unit 1 attached to Commander, Task Force 73 based in Singapore led the recovery of the derelict sailboats and vehicle while members of the Royal Canadian Fleet Diving Unit took part in the initial stages of the efforts.

"The Canadian divers were

very helpful," said senior chief Navy master Diver Kevin Parsons of MSDU 1. "We utilized some of their gear with the first sailboat that we brought up. They helped out and jointly added their lift bags."

"This was a great joint project with the Navy; doing a community service to help out Guam and removing these derelict vessels that were in the water, some of them for almost 20 years," said PAG environmental specialist Paul Santos. "A couple of them posed an environmental hazard and definitely a navigation

hazard....So getting them out of the water was beneficial for everybody."

The sailboat removals were carried out over four days and made navigation in the area safer, officials said.

"The port is relieved to have those boats removed," Santos added. "It's a real benefit for the boaters who use that area and for the marine life."

After floating the boats off the bottom, the team towed them more than a mile across the harbor in extreme heat to a seaplane ramp where they were removed from the water and taken to a site for disposal.

The corroded car underwater at the Merizo Pier posed an

environmental hazard and was removed just in time, according to Guam Environmental Protection Agency's Jesse Cruz. "It was really good timing to get it out of the water now," Cruz said.

"The harbors are getting more clear and this is an excellent opportunity for the Navy to be part of the community and help clean up our island, making it green and blue again," GEPA biologist Bob Salas said.

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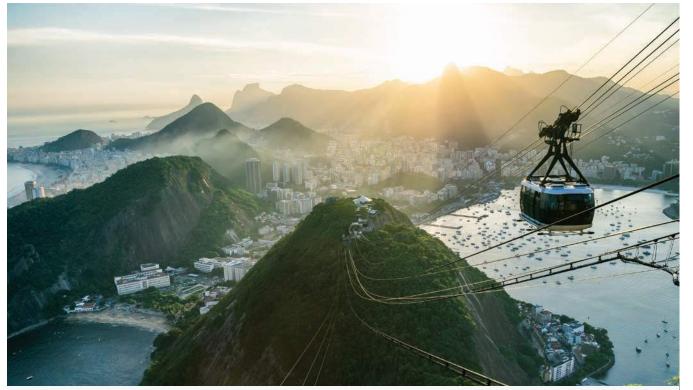
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Putin, Trump and the peril of aerial chess

ive feet isn't a whole lot of space, but Russia apparently thinks it's just enough to send the U.S. a message. On Monday, a Russian Su-27 fighter jet sidled up alongside a U.S. Air Force RC-135 reconnaissance plane flying over the Baltic Sea, coming within 5 feet of the American aircraft. The Russian jet lingered for a few minutes, then veered away.

On Wednesday, the Kremlin said a NATO F-16 fighter jet flew up to a Russian plane carrying Kremlin Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu, again over the Baltic. Shoigu landed safely in the Russian city of Kaliningrad, but the incident clearly rankled the Kremlin. As of Wednesday afternoon, NATO had not confirmed the Russian report.

Not yet dogfights, just dogs barking at each other.

Nevertheless, using fighter jets to parry and riposte puts both countries at risk of a confrontation that neither could easily walk-or fly-away from. Before this gets out of hand, the administrations of President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin need to remind themselves that neither side needs or wants direct military engagement.

The apparent cause of all this aerial jousting was the downing Sunday of a Syrian warplane by an American F-18 fighter jet. The U.S. says the Syrian Su-22 aircraft had been dropping bombs near members of the Syrian Democratic Forces, the U.S.-backed militia of Kurdish and Arab fighters who have begun the offensive to retake the Syrian city of Raqqa from the Islamic State militant group.

The U.S. takedown of the Syrian bomber incensed Moscow. The Russian Defense Ministry said it would start tracking as potential targets U.S-led coalition warplanes flying in Syrian airspace controlled by the Russian-backed Bashar Assad regime, though it stopped short of saying it would shoot down those planes.

The Pentagon knew that taking down one of Assad's fighter jets would infuriate the Kremlin, but it was the right decision. A key to defeating Islamic State fighters has always been to rout them out of their two major strongholds in the Middle East, Mosul in Iraq and Raqqa in Syria. Iraqi forces are well on their way to wrapping up the job in Mosul. In Raqqa, the U.S.-backed coalition of Kurdish and Arab fighters stands the best chance of reclaiming that city.

When Assad attacks SDF fighters, he makes it that much harder for the U.S. and the international community to achieve victory. But he now knows that if his forces again attack SDF fighters, they risk the same fate that befell the Syrian Su-22.

Achieving victory over Islamic State in Ragga, by the way, should be as much of a goal for Moscow as it is for Washington. The militant who killed 16 people in an attack on a subway train in St. Petersburg in April is suspected of having links to Islamic State. And a new seedbed for Islamic State recruits has emerged in Central Asia's former Soviet republics, which enjoy visa-free travel with Russia. The U.S. and Russia have reams of divergent views and goals, but defeating Islamic State shouldn't be one of them.

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Gout: The pain that can be prevented

By DAVID GRAUMAN, M.D. SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

veryone in the CNMI has—or at least knows someone who has—suffered from the pain of gout. Gout can attack any joint, but the most typical joint is at the base of the big toe. Woodcut paintings from the 1700's display exactly what the pain is like. They show a man, with his foot propped up on a stool and a look of agony on his face. The cause of his pain is very clear; batwing demons have their fangs sunk deep into his foot.

Before I personally had a gout attack, I thought this was just an amusing old picture. Then I experienced it for myself. The books said it was quite painful, that often the sufferer did not want the weight of the bed sheets on their foot. This account, I found out, wasn't quite accurate. I did not want anyone looking at it, did not want a breeze blowing over it, it HURT!

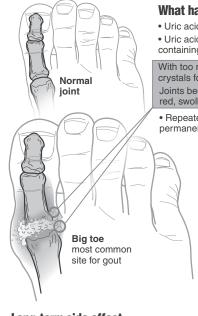
The cause of this pain is the chemical "uric acid." Uric acid is a kind of ash that is left over when the body burns certain parts of food to make energy. In some people, the body makes too much of this chemical, and it can then form tiny, sharp crystals. In the joint, these crystals tear up white blood cells and release other chemicals that are very irritating to the joint. Sometimes there is so much uric acid that the crystals start to form lumps called tophi, or tophaceous gout, usually visible under the skin. This can be more serious, since these deposits can build up in the kidneys and lead to kidney failure.

While dietary changes emphasizing carbohydrate restriction and weight reduction and avoiding alcohol are all thought to be of benefit, gout is mostly treated in two ways. For the immediate relief of pain, anti-inflammatory drugs like colchicine, ibuprofen, or even prednisone are used. If a person is having rare attacks, like one to three a year, this may be enough. But if the attacks are more frequent, or the uric acid levels in the blood are so high that tophi are forming, then the level of uric acid in the body has to be lowered. The commonest drug for this is allopurinol, which is inexpensive. The dose has to be started slowly and then built up. Yes, it means having to take a pill every day forever, but it also means no more gout attacks, and a lower risk

Health Matters

Gout's resurgence

As many nations' populations become older and heavier, painful gout, a type of arthritis, is becoming more common.



What happens

- Uric acid builds up in the blood
- Uric acid forms as food containing purines is digested

With too much uric acid, needle-like crystals form and accumulate in joints Joints become inflamed,

• Repeated gout attacks may permanently damage joint



- · Oily fish (anchovies,
- herring, sardines)
- · Beer and wine

Risk factors

Obesity, being over age 40 and male, family members with gout taking certain medications, eating high-purine foods, alcohol

Long-term side effect

Tophi are lumps formed by uric acid deposits in cartilage, tendons, soft tissue Can also appear under the skin.

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of kidney disease.

So, if you are among those of us who suffer from gout, talk to your primary care provider to decide what treatment is best for you. And tell those demons that chew on your foot to be gone!

Dr. David Grauman is a physician at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

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Let's arc to Arcturus

few days ago I blew the entire day in a cafe soaking up caffeine, soaking up air conditioning, and soaking up a book that I wanted to finish. It was just getting dark by the time I left. When I was in the parking lot I looked up to see if any stars were out yet. The only one that I could see was the red giant Arcturus.

It was a welcome sight. After being cloistered all day, Arcturus was like a cosmic handshake ushering me back into the real world.

Arcturus will be sliding from prominence as summertime progresses. Right now, though, the star is still visible in Saipan's evening sky.

As we look for it we can use a saying uttered by many a scoutmaster, mariner, navigator, adventurer, and backyard astronomer: "Arc to Arcturus."

With this is mind, if you look in the northern sky at 9pm Saipan time today, June 23, you'll notice that the Big Dipper is standing up-and-down. Its bowl is way down near the horizon, and its handle is pointing up into the air. Yeah, the Big Dipper is doing a big dip.

The two end-stars on the Dipper's handle, Alkaid and Mizar, point upward to Arcturus. If our eyes follow this line we'll come to a really bright, reddish star that is about 80 degrees over the horizon in the northwest. This is Arcturus.

If my words don't do the trick, the Web is full of diagrams that surely will. Of course, the Earth is always in motion, so the whole stellar scene is constantly moving as we perceive it, but a diagram will still fix the positions of the stars as they pertain to each other.

Arcturus is, by far, the brightest star in its patch of sky. That's why it's such a famous and widely-used guidepost.

Right now, however, there's a far brighter visitor trucking through the general vicinity: Jupiter.

Since Jupiter is a planet, it's not fixed in its position relative to Arcturus. Jupiter is just passing through. Right now, Jupiter is closer to another bright star (but not as bright as Arcturus) called Spica; the two will be lower in the sky, and to the south, of Arcturus.

Arcturus is pretty much like our sun's older brother, so when we look at Arcturus we're seeing the future of the sun in a few billion years or so. You'll notice that, while our sun is yellow, Arcturus is red, or at least reddish. That's because it's at a later stage in its stellar life. After middle age it bloated in size (just as our sun will) and it cooled down. This cooling results in the red color. The bloating results in more surface area. So although Arcturus and the sun are roughly the same mass, Arcturus is bigger and it emits about 180 times more light than the sun does.

If you're wondering what's going to happen to your garden when the sun starts bloating into a red giant billions of years down the road, well, for starters, the growing sun will boil off all the Earth's oceans. Your garden is a goner. But look on the bright side: We'll be able to roller skate to Guam and we can throw pennies into the Marianas Trench, taking bets on when we'll hear them hit bottom.

Stars are giant nuclear reactors. When we look at them we're seeing the results of their various chemistries, which result in their various burning temperatures and hence their various colors. Armed with some science, our eyes can serve as cosmic nuclear thermometers.

In the array of stars that we see with our bare eyes, as we go from the coolest to the hottest part of the scale, the star colors are red, orange, yellow, white, and then, at the hottest end of

By ED STEPHENS

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things, blue. Arcturus, to my eye, at least, is on the orange side of red, so I just call it reddish.

So how does this translate into actual surface temperatures? In very rough terms, and I'm just eye-balling some numbers off a graph here, we're dealing with surface temperatures of about 3,000 C for the red stars to around 30,000 C for the bluest ones. Actually, astronomers use the "Kelvin" temperature scale, not Celsius, but that distinction is academic for our context since we just want some general perspective.

More perspective: On the galactic scale of things, Arcturus, at 37 light-years of distance, is very close to us. Incidentally, it's in the kite-shaped constellation called Bootes, which has apparently never captured my attention because I don't remember anything about it.

One final note: The phrase "Arc to Arcturus" has a second part, "Spike to Spica." Spica, as already noted, is hanging out with Jupiter right now. So there's quite a cosmic trio awaiting anyone who cares to look.

Now that we've connected with the cosmos, I'm going to arc myself to a cheeseburger. Then I'll hit the cafe again so I can spike some more coffee.

The sea of freedom

n high school civics courses, we were taught of a citizen's rights, freedom and equality. We memorized it like it's the back of our hands. Then something else happens: reality check says otherwise.

There's constitutional prohibition on who among U.S. citizens could vote in presidential elections and congressional representation. It is limited to those who live in one of the 50 states. Understood the constitutional peculiarities.

But it simply fails protecting the rights of all U.S. citizens. It means that if you live in one of the territories, your right to vote in presidential election and U.S. congressional representation is denied. Equal protection is turned on its head. The issue gives prominence to geography over the rights of citizens.

You ponder, too, why the application of federal laws in territories when the full rights of citizens aren't equally protected. Perhaps questions of rights, equal protection and freedom are part of the long march to freedom that culminated in "I Have A Dream."

I don't have a dream but subscribe to the seamless Sea of Freedom where each citizen's rights are protected on an equal basis "from sea to shining sea."

Core values: I'm a believer of Judaea Christian values rooted in tradition. My son believes it, though a bit more liberal. He challenges my view: Then why is Trump the president? Perhaps voters weren't looking at ideology but a way out of the self-serving Washington swamp.

Trump has threatened the establishment that leeches on D.C. funds for its loot, the "lamestream" media who thinks it is the de facto president of the country and liberal progressives who have turned ludicrous and pointless vitriolic toxic stew into an art. Whatever happened to the basic tenet of the profession to "search for the truth" and verification of information?

The toxicity of the discussion led to the gunning down of Republicans at a baseball field. Interesting how they came together the next day and played ball. It was their way of saying tragedy inflicted by a deranged lunatic isn't enough to derail civility and unity. Hope it stays that way!

Special interest: In both Capitol Hill in Washington and Capital Hill on Saipan, special interest groups have success-

fully infiltrated and shifted "we the people" representation to "we the sugar daddies."

It may not be illegal but appalling how easily fiduciary duty is wholesaled when our people expect good governance. It has been happening here since four decades ago!

Once special interest groups have set the pay of their legislative lapdogs or their re-election out the window goes traditional representation of "we the people." Need this be parroted here?

The trashing of the interest of ordinary folks led to the election of The Donald. He promised to end the continuing honeymoon of the D.C. establishment—lame media and the unelected bunch whose collective focus are their pocketbooks.

Political pundits rake in their share of the loot quietly for brokering deals. The innocent is lured into the fray, paid some fee to vote like robotic slaves.

This mess would take some time to uproot from the electorate. It is the game of the "few" rich who wanted to ensure their lapdogs are well placed to guard their interests in policymaking.

Administrative State: Washington has become so powerful not of its own disposition but by allowing un-elected bureaucrats to write non-regulations that are considered regulations

They are "found in the thousands of pages in the Code of Federal Regulations or in the interpretative advice found in agency opinion letters and policy statements. The agencies generally exercise their power in secret, and they're barely accountable to anyone.

"With formal regulations there's at least a requirement that public notice be given and comments welcomed before new rules are promulgated. But agencies often provide far more detailed handbooks or interpretations of the regulations, not to mention the advice they might give over the phone or in letters to affected parties, and none of this goes through an administrative review process."

Influence: The most powerful influence known as the digital age is here. My son John aptly said that it comprises digital natives, digital immigrants, and digital cusps.

The natives are kids born into the digital age and are well rounded in the use of the internet and accompanying devices.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The immigrants are folks who had to learn its use while the cusps are those who came in between. "It's analogous to the Wild West."

"Technology has totally transformed the character and structure of the modern societies and electorates with which the politicians, and their advisers, are trying to relate," writes David Howell, a conservative politician, journalist and economic consultant. He is chairman of the House of Lords International Relations Committee.

Real shift: "Amazon is eating the world, one industry at a time. Last Friday, the gargantuan retailer paid \$13.7 billion (£10.7bn) to buy Whole Foods in the U.S., an acquisition that threw the global grocery business into a fit of nerves.

"Then there is its significant cloud computing business. The cloud is a network of servers that the modern world is increasingly reliant on. As Tom Simonite of MIT Technology Review, wrote last year: "You depend on Amazon, Microsoft, and Google much more than you know. As businesses and governments move more of their underpinnings into the cloud, the three leading cloud providers are becoming the invisible foundation of daily life.

"We live in a world where we are consumers first and citizens second. We may have seen a resurgence of nationalism with Brexit and Trump but it is looking likely that the nation state's day will soon be done and we will move toward organizing ourselves in communities centered on corporations. Technology giants, whose business is built on data, know far more about us than our governments do and are gradually making themselves an indispensable part of our lives."

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and scattered showers and isolated thunderisolated thunderstorms

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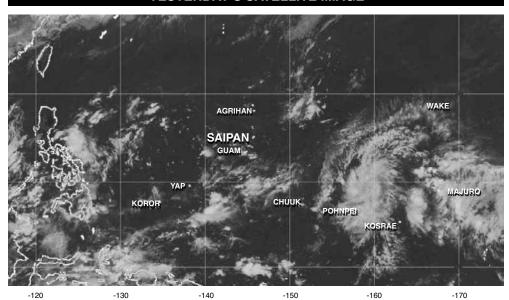
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:20 AM, THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

A weak surface trough to the east of Guam is combining with upper-level divergence to generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Guam waters and very near Rota waters. These showers will continue to develop and drift west-northwestward affecting Guam and Rota through the day. The trough and associated convection is expected to move out of the Marianas by this evening. Otherwise, the rest of the forecast remains relatively unchanged. The latest guidance shows a slightly different pattern, with a bit more moisture being indicated for the weekend than previous runs. Both the GFS and ECMWF now show a weak low-level circulation, along with the upper- level low/trough, moving through the area over the weekend. Based on this, decided to leave scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the forecast from Friday on through the weekend. By early next week, both the ECMWF and the GFS show a drying trend for the first half of next week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONES	Α	▼ A °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88 I 80 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	83 I 77 °F
Yap	Partly Cloudy	87 I 72 °F
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	86 I 80 °F
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	86 I 78 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	86 I 79 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86 81 °F

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Auckland	Cloudy	62 I 53 °F
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	92 I 78 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	87 I 82 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	84 I 73 °F
London	Partly Cloudy	76 I 62 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	82 I 63 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	87 I 78 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	60 I 46 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87 I 80 °F
New York	Partly Cloudy	86 I 73 °F
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	84 I 69 °F
Paris	Partly Cloudy	81 56 °F
Pusan	Sunny	95 I 70 °F
Rome	Sunny	91 68 °F
Salem	Sunny	83 54 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	76 I 57 °F
Seoul	Sunny	91 I 70 °F
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	82 I 68 °F
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1:08 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.57
8:02 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.00

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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Saturday	5:40 AM	6:56 PM	-
Sunday	6:43 AM	7:57 PM	-
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily		
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily		
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota		
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6		
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily		
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily		

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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UA6390/193

4:15pm 7:00pm Daily

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Business

AP sources: Senate GOP would halt Obamacare penalties, taxes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Top Senate Republicans prepared Wednesday to release their plan for dismantling President Barack Obama's health care law, a proposal that would cut and revamp Medicaid, end penalties on people not buying coverage and eliminate tax increases that financed the statute's expansion of coverage, lobbyists and congressional aides said.

Departing from the Houseapproved version of the legislation—which President Donald Trump privately called "mean" last week—the Senate plan would drop the House bill's waivers allowing states to let insurers boost premiums on some people with pre-existing conditions.

It would also largely retain the subsidies Obama provided to help millions buy insurance, which are pegged mostly to people's incomes and the premiums they pay.

The House-approved tax credits were tied to people's ages, a change the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said would boost outof-pocket costs to many lower earners. Starting in 2020, the Senate version would begin shifting increasing amounts of tax credits away from higher earners, making more funds available to lower-income recipients, some of the officials said.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell planned to release the measure Thursday morning and hopes to push it through the Senate next week. Some of its provisions were described by people on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss them publicly.

"We believe we can do better than the Obamacare status quo, and we fully intend to do so," said McConnell, R-Ky.

McConnell was unveiling his plan even as GOP senators from across the party's political spectrum complained about the package and the secretive, behind-closed-doors meetings he used to draft a measure reshaping the country's medical system, which comprises one-sixth of the U.S. economy.

Facing unanimous Democratic opposition, Republicans can suffer defections by no more than two of their 52 senators and still push the measure through the Senate. Enough have voiced concerns to make clear that McConnell and other leaders have work to do before passage is assured.

GOP Senate leaders were eager to get a seal of approval from Trump, who had urged them to produce a bill more "generous" than the House's.

"They seem to be enthusiastic about what we're producing tomorrow," No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn of Texas told reporters, "It's going to be important to get the president's support to get us across the finish line."

At a campaign-style rally Wednesday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Trump said he urged Senate Republicans to add more money to their health care plan because he wants a plan with "heart."

He also suggested he would be willing to change the bill Republicans are crafting if Democrats would come onboard, saying, "A few votes from the Democrats, it could be so easy" and "so beautiful."

Scrapping Obama's 2010 statute is a top priority of Trump and the GOP, but internal divisions have slowed its progress through the Republican-controlled Congress. Democrats say GOP characterizations of Obama's law as failing are wrong, and say the Republican effort would boot millions off coverage and leave others facing higher out-



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This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program 2018 State Plan is now available for review and public comments from June 26-30, 2017. Interested members of the general public may review the CNMI WIC 2018 State Plan at the WIC Program's Administrative Office located in Upper Navy Hill, Mayoria Ave. Building N25. Our Office hours are from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (Monday-Friday). All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than close of business on June 30, 2017.

/s/ Esther L. Muna Chief Executive Office

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho CNMI WIC Program Administrator



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Well-known names surface as possible Uber CEO candidates

(AP)—Uber seeks a strong manager who can repair a broken image, juggle multiple lawsuits and government investigations, develop and nurture a new corporate culture and lead a successful IPO.

That's a lot for potential candidates to consider. Uber needs a new leader after former CEO and company founder Travis Kalanick resigned Tuesday night under pressure from Uber's board and investors. A series of missteps, from allegations of stealing technology to a profanity-laced outburst that was caught on film by an Uber driver, led to Kalanick's res-

Some experts believe Uber will look for an outsider with turnaround experience. Others point out that insiders may best know what is needed to fix Uber and not everyone at the company was tainted by Kalanick's behavior. They also think the board will strongly consider a female candidate, given recent criticism of Uber's lack of diver-

At least two prominent female executives have already

taken their names out of the running: Facebook's Chief Officer Operating Sheryl Sandberg and Arianna Huffington, a current member of Uber's board.

Sandberg has no Sandberg plans to leave her current job, a person close to her told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because Sandberg has not publicly weighed in yet. Huffington "has no interest in the CEO role," according to Monica Lee, a spokeswoman for

Huffington's current compa-

ny, Thrive Global.

Jan Dawson of Jackdaw Research says automotive CEOs would be a good fit, and would be familiar with Uber's push into autonomous vehicle research. Former Ford CEO Alan Mulally is well known for turning around that struggling automaker, and he has tech experience from serving on the board at Google. His successor at Ford, Mark Fields, was recently ousted because of Ford's flagging stock price. But Fields delivered record profits while at



Ford, and became a familiar face in Silicon Valley after setting up Ford operations there.

David Cush, a longtime American Airlines executive, was believed to be in the running for

a chief operating officer spot at Uber before Kalanick's departure. He could now be among those considered for CEO. Cush was named CEO of Virgin America in 2007, shortly after the Richard Branson-backed carrier began flving. Under Cush, Virgin developed a hip image and loyal following, especially in its home market of California.

On Cush's watch, Virgin America went public with an initial sale of stock in 2014, then was sold to Alaska Airlines last year for \$2.6 billion. Cush did not stay after the sale closed.

Tech leaders also are likely to be in the running. Women such as Susan Wojcicki, the CEO of YouTube since 2014, or Marissa Mayer, who most recently ran Yahoo, would help change Uber's maledominated culture.

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NMHC is responsible for complying with all changes in program regulations pertaining to the HCVP. NMHC has made proposed amendments to the Section 8 Administrative Plan for Rental Assistance Programs to address NMHC's overall management of its tenant accounts receivables by incorporating Section 18, which contains proposed accounts receivables policies and procedures.

NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public on July 24, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at the following locations; in addition, copies of the draft Section 8 Administrative Plan for Rental Assistance Programs Amendments under the HCVP are also available at the following locations identified below and on our website at www.nmhcgov.net.

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Interested persons wishing to express their views on the draft amendments may do so either by attending the public hearing or by submitting comments to NMHC by 4:30 p.m. on July 24, 2017.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

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Nation

Canadian charged in US airport attack investigated as terror

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—A Canadian man from Tunisia shouted in Arabic before stabbing a police officer in the neck Wednesday at a Michigan airport, and referenced people being killed overseas during the attack that's now being investigated as an act of terrorism, federal and court officials said.

Amor Ftouhi, 49, of Montreal, was immediately taken into custody. A criminal complaint charging him with committing violence at an airport says Ftouhi asked an officer who subdued him why the officer didn't kill him.

The attack at Bishop International Airport in Flint,

Michigan, is being investigated as an act of terrorism, but authorities have no indication at this time that the suspect was involved in a "wider plot," said FBI Special Agent in Charge David Gelios.

"At this time we view him as a lone-wolf attacker," Gelios said. "We have no information to suggest any training."

The criminal complaint said Ftouhi stabbed airport police Lt. Jeff Neville with a large knife after yelling "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase for "God is great." According to the FBI, Ftouhi said something similar to "you have killed people in Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and we are

all going to die."

More charges against Ftouhi could be filed as prosecutors take the case to a grand jury seeking an indictment, Gelios said. The Flint Journal, citing court officials, said Ftouhi is a dual citizen of Canada and Tunisia.

Neville was in satisfactory condition after initially being in critical condition, airport police Chief Chris Miller said at a late afternoon news conference where the charge against Ftouhi was announced.

Ftouhi appeared in federal court in Flint to hear the charge and will get a court-appointed attorney. A court spokesman says Ftouhi will remain in custody until a bond hearing next

Wednesday.

The attack occurred just before 10 a.m., prompting officials to evacuate and shut down the airport and add security elsewhere in the Michigan city about 50 miles (80.46 kilometers) northwest of Detroit. White House press secretary Sean Spicer said President Donald Trump was briefed on the stabbing, and U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said he was "proud of the swift response" by authorities from both the U.S. and Canada.

Police in Canada were searching a Montreal apartment. Montreal police spokesman Benoit Boiselle said officers with their department were assisting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the search on behalf of an FBI request. A number of police stood guard outside the apartment building in the east end of Montreal located on Bélair St. in St-Michel borough. Canadian TV footage showed police escorting at least one person from the building where Ftouhi is believed to have lived.

Boiselle said three people staying at the residence had been taken in for questioning.

Luciano Piazza, the building landlord, said Ftouhi was not a difficult tenant and that he is married with children.

"I never had any problems with him," Piazza said. "I'm

really surprised. I would see him at least once a month, when he paid his rent."

Gelios said Ftouhi legally entered the U.S. at Champlain, New York, on June 16 and made his way to the Flint airport on Wednesday morning.

Ftouhi spent some time in public, unsecured areas of the airport before going to a restroom where he dropped two bags before attacking the officer with a 12-inch knife that had an 8-inch serrated blade, Gelios said.

Ftouhi never went through any security screening, Gelios said. He described Ftouhi as "cooperative" and talking to investigators.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRFIELD MARKING AND SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0003-26/XX).

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 2:00 PM. MONDAY, JULY 17. 2017. at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, requires the removal and replacement of all airfield markings and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the plans and specifications and in compliance with FAA's Advisory Circular No. 150/5340-1L.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within **ninety (90)** calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for **one hundred twenty (120)** calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.2** (**Contract Time**) of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4** (**Liquidated Damages**) of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, **Rota Ports Manager's Office** at 10:00 AM, Monday, **July 3, 2017** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening conference,

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO Executive Director

Date: June 9, 2017



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the <u>AIRFIELD MARKING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NUMBER 3-69-0011-27/XX.</u>

One original and three copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of installation of airfield pavement markings, including but not limited to numbers, markings, and stripes on the surface of runways, taxiways, and aprons, in accordance with these specifications and at the locations shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hunred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be 180 CALENDAR DAYS. Liquidated damages in the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) per day shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse,

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport at 10:00 a.m., FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening,

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL LABOR WAGE RATE DETERMINATION is included in SECTION GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Government wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 7, 2017

Census: Every ethnic, racial group grew, but whites slowest

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is growing older and more ethnically diverse, a trend that could put strains on government programs from Medicare to education, the Census Bureau reported Thursday.

Every ethnic and racial group grew between 2015 and 2016, but the number of whites increased at the slowest rate—less than one hundredth of 1 percent or 5,000 people, the Census estimate shows. That's a fraction of the rates of growth for non-white Hispanics, Asians and people who said they are multi-racial, according to the government's annual estimates of population.

President Donald Trump's core support in the racially divisive 2016 election came from white voters, and polls showed that it was especially strong among those who said they felt left behind in an increasingly racially diverse country. In fact, the Census Bureau projects whites will remain in the majority in the U.S. until after 2040.

"Even then, (whites) will still represent the nation's largest plurality of people, and even then they will still inherit the structural advantages and legacies that benefit people on the basis of having white skin," said Justin Gest, author of "The New Minority," a book about the 2016 election.

AN AGING NATION

The Census Bureau reported that the median age of Americans—the age at which half are older and half are younger—rose nationally from just over 35 years to nearly 38 years in the years between 2000 and 2016, driven by the aging of the "baby boom" generation.

The number of residents Over that time period, 56 U.S. of the National Association age 65 and older grew from 35 million to 49.2 million during those 16 years, jumping from 12 percent of the total population to 15 percent.

That's a costly leap for taxpayers as those residents move to Medicare, government health care for seniors and younger people with disabilities, which accounted for \$1 out of every \$7 in federal spending last year, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. By 2027, it will cost \$1 out of every \$6 of federal money spent. Net Medicare spending is expected to nearly double over the next decade, from \$592 billion to \$1.2 trillion, the KFF reported.

Sumter County, Florida, home of The Villages, a large retirement community, had the highest median age increase, rising from 49 years old in 2000 to 67 years old in 2016.

counties showed a median age increase of 10 years or more.

BOOM IN YOUNG PEOPLE

The Census report also showed that children in the U.S. born from 2001 through 2016 were the nation's fastest-growing age group, with a 6.8 percent jump in the year beginning July 1, 2015. Other age groups either lost or gained population by less than a percentage point, according to the Census Bureau.

That means more demand on taxpayers for schools, bilingual education and accommodations for English language learners, as well as recruiting a corps of educators that reflects the nation's students. Robert Hull, executive vice president of State Boards of Education, said a majority of students in the U.S. are not white, but 82 percent of teachers are white.

"It's not just the services offered or what we do for the students but who is delivering those services," Hull said.

The number of English language learners in U.S. public schools was about 4.6 million in the 2014-2015 school year, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

FACE OF A NATION

All race and ethnic groups grew in the year before July 1, 2016, the Census reported.

The Asian population and those who identified as being of two or more races grew by 3 percent each, to 21 million and 8.5 million, respectively.

Hispanics grew by 2 percent to 57.5 million. The black population grew by 1.2 percent to nearly 47 million.

The number of non-Hispanic whites grew by only 5,000, leaving that population relatively steady at 198 million of the nation's 325 million people.

A Pew Research Center analysis of the Census' current population survey found that white turnout increased in the 2016 election, while black turnout dropped and the nonwhite share of the U.S. electorate remained flat compared with the 2012 election.

"Any sort of impact on politics may be several decades in the future," said Mark Hugo Lopez, director of Hispanic research for the Pew Research Center.

Boy killed by log in surf as tropical storm churns in Gulf

NEW ORLEANS (AP)— A boy on an Alabama beach was struck and killed Wednesday by a log washed ashore by storm surge from Tropical Storm Cindy, which spun bands of severe weather ashore from the Florida panhandle to east Texas as it churned ever closer to the Gulf coast.

Baldwin County Sheriff's Capt. Stephen Arthur said witnesses reported the 10-yearold boy from Missouri was standing outside a condominium in Fort Morgan when the log, carried in by a large wave, struck him. Arthur said the youth was vacationing with his family from the St. Louis area and that relatives and emergency workers tried to revive him. He wasn't immediately identified.

It was the first known fatality from Cindy. The storm formed Tuesday and was expected to make landfall some time late Wednesday or early Thursday.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-026

Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing, financials and work order software developer firms, for the Purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Solution (ERP) software and sustainment for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails assessment, training, project management, migration, application and implementation. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project, collaborative and performance reporting.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 27, 2017 at

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$1000, (non-refundable) for one RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-026 Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price in total bid price pron the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certify. choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal An Order are advised that OCC assumes no responsibility in any act or official on the part of the Order due to fack or information or understanding or the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page; https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on lune 30, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio B. Castro, CUC Chief Financial Offi email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

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TO

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **Francisco C. Ada/Saipan international airport passenger loading bridges replacement**. Saipan. Of the

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Passenger Loading Bridges Replacement for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-87" and submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, JULY 21, 2017, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to removal and replacement of three existing passenger boarding bridges at Gates 2, 3, and 6 at the Saipan International Airport with new apron-drive bridges including all associated work, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY (580) calendar days if awarded <u>all three bridges.</u> Duration may adjust based on funding availability which will determine number of bridges to be replaced.

Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 7. 2017, at the Saipan Airport Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO **Executive Directo**

Date: June 9, 2017

20 FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

PH rebels free hostages from school, military says

KIDAPAWAN, Philippines (AP)-Muslim rebels freed dozens of hostages while other captives escaped Wednesday from a school as army troops faced an-

other security crisis in the southern

Philippines, military officials said.

from Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters maneuvered to attack troop and militiamen outposts but were repelled by government forces early Wednesday, prompting them to seize villagers as human shields in Malagakit village in North Cotabato province, military officials said.

At least four rebels were killed and two government militiamen were wounded in the fighting, which caused nearly 1,000 villagers in Malagakit and two nearby villages to flee to safety, the officials said.

The retreating gunmen, esti-

mated by the military and police to number from 200 to 300, later occupied a Malagakit grade school building, where they sporadically traded shots with troops up to nightfall, said local army spokesman Capt. Arvin Encinas.

During a lull in the gunbattle, 31 people, including a dozen children, were either allowed to dash to freedom or escaped from the school. Six other villagers remained in rebel custody, army brigade spokesman Capt. Nap Alcarioto said.

"They're the ones who ran and got trapped in the gunbattle and then were taken," Alcarioto said, adding that they were being held in two

More than 20 other residents who were trapped in their houses were taken to safety by troops, officials said.

Many of the gunmen managed to escape from the school after freeing the hostages, Encinas said.

Troops were holding their fire because of the remaining hostages. The fleeing gunmen reportedly rigged some areas of the school with homemade bombs, Alcarioto said, citing statements by some of the freed captives.

The rebels may have taken advantage of a massive military offensive against militants aligned with the Islamic State group who have laid siege to the southern city of Marawi, and plotted to attack military targets elsewhere, military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said at a news conference.

COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG, Torres, and Lt, Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"). hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in

The following Agenda will be discussed:

PRELIMINARIES:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes: May 25, 2017

REPORTS:

- Report by the Chairman
- Report by the Executive Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS - Casino Licensee (IPI) Updates:

- Construction Progress Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel
- Personnel Training and Recruitment of U.S. Workers
- Responsible Gaming Program
- Other Miscellaneous Matters

OLD BUSINESS:

- Casino Regulations Consideration of Public Comments and Final Adoption:
 - Amend §175-10.1-1305(b) to increase the threshold requiring vendor licensure from \$100,000 to \$250,000;
 - Amend §175-10.1-1390(a) to increase the threshold requiring vendor licensure from \$100,000 to \$250,000; Amend §175-10.1-1305(e) to include approved non-profit
 - charitable organizations & educational and training schools as exempt from vendor licensure;
 - Amend §175-10.1-1390(c) to include approved non-profit charitable organizations & educational and training schools as exempt from vendor licensure.
 - Amend §175-10.1-1830(a) to include written notification of known violations: and
 - Amend §175-10.1-2001(e) to replace Licensee with CCC for Chip Manufacturer Revolving Fund.

- Notification of Provisional Casino Key Employee ("CKE") License: *Mr. Lam. Kei In ("Blake") - Director for Table Games. Issued on 06/12/17
- Approval of Regular Casino Vendor 2-Year License (Non-Gaming) *Hofschneider Engineering Corporation — Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration & Permitting, Provisional License will expire 10/02/17
- Opening of Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel Live Gaming Operations

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Report by the Legal Counsel
- DPAC Updates
- **IPI Financial Matters**

VIII ADIOIIRNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Joseph C. Reyes Acting Chairman

ROBERT TENORIO TORRES

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM,	Civil Action
Plaintiff,	No. <u>14-0137</u>
vs. { MERCEDES T. TEIGITA	NOTICE OF
and THE ESTATE OF	AUCTION
JOSE L. TAITANO,	ONTHE
	MORTGAGED
Defendant	PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the O1st day of February 2017, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designed will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 11th day of August, 2017 at 10 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said

Lot No. 022 B 30.

Lot No. 022 B 30, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 022 B 01 the original of which was recorder 10 FEB 83 as Document No. 16506 at Land Registry, Saipan

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

 Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following

rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

- c) to reject any and all bids.

 2. <u>Bids.</u> Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK Saipan, MP 96950 or Email: rttlaw@pticom.com
- 3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check. or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interes in the property will revert to Bank of Guam
- 4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive
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DATED this 20th day of June, 2017.

Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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NORTHERN MARIANAS
   HOUSING CORPORATION
               Plaintiff,
-v-
JOAQUIN CABRERA LIZAMA
                           CIVIL ACTION
                           NO.: 15-0140
     AND MARY FRANCES
             Defendants
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SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 8, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the rights, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 011 G 1220, situated in Kagman III, Phase IV, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 840 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 011 G 23, the original of which is the public of the properties of the properties of the properties of the public of the p which was recorded on October 10, 1996, as Document no. 96–2566, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

<u>Date, Time, and Place of Sale.</u> The sale will be held on Friday, July 21, 2017, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

<u>Terms and Conditions of Sale.</u> The terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale

DATED, this 16th day of June, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**



THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Oder issued by the Court in this matter on October 9 2012. I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidde on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 045 A 12, situated in As Matuis Sainan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 944 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 002 dated July 12, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File NO. 90-1670, the description therein below being incorporated herein by reference

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 21, 2017, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP-17- CHCC/WIC-19

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 14, 2017 TIME: 11:00AM RFP OPENING DATE: July 14, 2017 TIME: 2:00 PM TWO (2) MULTI-FUNCTION COPIER EQUIPMENTS WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION'

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED —UP AT CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION-MEDICAL SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY LOWER BASE SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL, IF TO DO SO SHALL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S





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<u>/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA</u> CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S

THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS BAR ASSOCIATION

Is currently recruiting for an

Executive Director

The Northern Mariana Islands Bar Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the standards of the legal profession in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Executive Director must be an individual who is a self-starter who is comfortable working under little or no supervision and who independently will meet the daily goals and objectives of the Bar. A candidate must be very detail oriented and computer literate (MS Office and particularly Excel). Trustworthiness, reliability and excellent customer-service skills are a must for this position. The ideal candidate must have at least five (5) years administrative experience; at least a two-year college degree or a business college certificate of proficiency; proficiency in the English language; accounting and bookkeeping. Various tasks range from overall office operations such as keeping financial accounts; dues collection; expense payments; various coordination of meetings, programs and projects; representation of the Bar at functions; and any other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Bar

Salary: Part-time for one year, commensurate with experience. **Application procedure:** Send CV, cover letter, and three references via email to: cnmibar@pticom.com or via fax to 235-4528. Final Day to Receive Application: Friday, June 30, 2017

SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 **21**

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- Wholly Smokes!
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- Local Taste
- Flores Ice Cream
- NMTI Chef's Booth
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- Fruittie Smoothie
- Sierra Pearl Shakes
- Fong's Bakery
- Yipin Restaurant
- JFar Corporation
- Saipan Brewing
- MarPac and Rabauli-Men on a Mission Foundation

Fun Games

- Bruce's Virtual Reality Games
- Eucon International School
- Play Red! by Stellar Marianas
- Bingo by SUFA Softball Team
- Sandbox Creations
- Dice Game
- Pyramid Ball Toss
- Slide Table Shuffle
- Spinning Basket

ARTS AND CRAFTS

- Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture Booth
- Face Painting

Live Entertainment!

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

- 6:00 Opening Ceremony
- 6:10 National Anthems and DPS Color Guard
- 6:20 Introduction of the 2017 CNMI **Liberation Day Royal Court**
- 6:30 Welcoming Remarks
 - Hon. Governor Ralph Torres
 - Hon. Saipan Mayor David Apatang
 - LD Chairman Matt Deleon Guerrero
- 7:00 Blowing of the Shell (Kulu)
- 7:15 Mini Raffle
- 7:30 Simiyan Mananaita
- 8:00 Marianas Sinser
- 8:30 Tiul Belau Palau Association
- 9:00 Refaluwasch Warriors
- 10:00 MMA Band
- 10:30 Mini Raffle
- 11:00 Closing

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

- 6:00 Carnival Opens
- 6:05 Little Hands
- 7:00 Moana Movie
- 9:00 29:11 Dance Studio
- 9:30 Trivia and Mini Raffle
- 10:00 Closing

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- Cakewalk
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- Saibok Cooking Competition
- Kids Cupcake Decoration Contest
- Fashion by Nature Contest and much more!

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22 FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

World

IS destroys iconic al-Nuri mosque in Mosul

IRBIL, Iraq (AP)—The Islamic State group destroyed Mosul's al-Nuri mosque and its iconic leaning minaret known as al-Hadba when fighters detonated explosives inside the structures Wednesday night, Iraq's Ministry of Defense said.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi tweeted early Thursday that the destruction was an admission by the militants that they are losing the fight for Iraq's second-largest city.

"Daesh's bombing of the al-Hadba minaret and the al-Nuri

WORLD BRIEFS

Russia cancels diplomatic meeting in wake of US sanctions

MOSCOW (AP)—The Kremlin voiced displeasure Wednesday about new United States sanctions against Russia and called off muchanticipated talks with a senior U.S administration official in response. The Trump administration announced Tuesday that it had imposed sanctions on 38 Russian individuals and firms over Russian activities in Ukraine. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the penalties were designed to "maintain pressure on Russia to work toward a diplomatic solution." President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said Wednesday that the U.S. move wasn't constructive and warned of possible retaliation. Later in the day, Russia's deputy foreign minister said he had cancelled talks that were scheduled for Friday with the U.S. undersecretary of state.

Ukrainian government, separatists agree on new cease-fire

MOSCOW (AP)—The Ukrainian government and Russia-backed separatists have agreed on a new ceasefire in the country's war-torn east, a spokesman for the Ukrainian government said Wednesday. Fighting between government forces and Russia-backed rebels in Ukraine's industrial heartland has killed more than 10,000 people and displaced more than a million since it began in 2014. A cease-fire between the warring parties was first negotiated in 2015, but it has been repeatedly violated. Darka Olifer, spokeswoman for Ukrainian government envoy Leonid Kuchma at talks with separatist rebels, said they agreed to a cease-fire in the east starting Saturday to allow residents to begin harvesting crops.



In this June 8, 2009 file photo, residents walk past the tilted minaret of al-Nuri mosque — also known as the Great Mosque — in Mosul, Iraq

Mosque is a formal declaration of their defeat," al-Abadi said, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

BAGHDAD (AP)—Fighters for the Islamic State group are targeting children in Mosul to prevent civilians from fleeing the city as Iraqi forces push into the last stronghold held in Iraq by the militants there, the United Nations said Thursday.

The U.N. children's agency said it has documented a number of cases in which IS fighters killed the children of families trying to escape from neighborhoods controlled by the militants.

"They are using children as a weapon of war to prevent people from fleeing," said UNICEF's Iraq representative, Peter Hawkins. "This just highlights how indiscriminate and catastrophic this war is."

Iraqi troops are slowly clearing the last pockets of IS fighters from Mosul's old city in an operation launched earlier this week. But an estimated 100,000 civilians packed into the dense terrain have slowed progress.

UNICEF said 1,075 Iraqi children have been killed and 1,130 wounded since IS militants overran nearly a third of Iraq in 2014. In the past six months alone, violence in Iraq has killed 152 children and injured 255, it said. In addition, the agency said, more than 1 million children have had their educations put on hold by either militant rule or displacement.

The mosque, which is also known as Mosul's Great Mosque, is where IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared a so-called Islamic caliphate in 2014 shortly after Mosul was overrun by the militants. The minaret that leaned like Italy's Tower of Pisa had stood for more than 840 years.

An IS statement posted online shortly after the Ministry of Defense reported the mosque's destruction blamed an airstrike by the United States for the loss of the mosque and minaret.

The U.S.-led coalition rejected the IS claim.

A coalition spokesman, U.S. Army Col. Ryan Dillon, told The Associated Press that coalition aerial surveillance confirmed the mosque was destroyed, but he said a U.S. strike was not the cause.

"We did not conduct strikes in that area at that time," Dillon said.

IS fighters initially attempted to destroy the minaret in July 2014. The militants said the structure contradicted their fundamentalist interpretation of Islam, but Mosul residents converged on the area and formed a human chain to protect it. IS has demolished dozens of historic and archaeological sites in and around Mosul, saying they promoted idolatry.

"This is a crime against the people of Mosul and all of Iraq, and is an example of why this brutal organization must be annihilated," U.S. Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, the commander of coalition ground forces in Iraq, said in a written statement.

Desperate Venezuelans set sights on Colombia as worry mounts

As the first hint of dawn stretches over a Colombian neighborhood known as "Little Mene Grande" after the warm, Venezuelan city where so many recent arrivals are from, six men and women rise from worn, flattened mattresses.

The women do their makeup in front of a mirror hanging from the security bars inside a window. One wraps her 4-month-old daughter in a fuzzy yellow blanket. The men don jackets and baseball caps.

Bogota is cold compared to their Venezuelan hometown and their day will be long. The task: Sell 54 mangos at less than a dollar each in hopes of sending a sliver of what they earn to relatives struggling even more back home.

"I never imagined living like this," says Genensis Montilla, 26, a nurse and single mother who left her three children with their grandmother.

While Venezuela plunges further into political and economic ruin, the flight of its citizens is accelerating, reaching levels unseen in its history. Experts believe nearly one-tenth of its population of around 31 million now lives outside the country. For better-off professionals the preferred destination is Spain or the U.S., where Venezuelans are overstaying their visas in droves and now lead asylum requests for the first time-18,155 last year alone.

But for many poor people fleeing Venezuela's triple-digit inflation, hours-long food lines and medical shortages, Colombia is the journey's end. The neighboring Andean nation has received more Venezuelans than any other nation. Estimates indicate more than 1 million have arrived in the last two decades, reversing the previous trend of Colombians fleeing war heading to Venezuela.

The most desperate cross

illegally through one of hundreds of "trochas," unpaved dirt roads along Venezuela's porous 1,370-mile (2,200-kilometer) border with Colombia.

"When you talk to Venezuelans, they all say, 'I want to come." said Saraid

"When you talk to Venezuelans, they all say, 'I want to come," said Saraid Valbuena, 20, who made the journey with her husband and their then 1-month-old daughter earlier this year. "Even though you come here to sleep on the ground, people want to come because they know with a day or two of work at least they'll eat."

The influx shows no sign of waning and has worried Colombian officials enough that they are crafting contingency plans in the event of an even larger spike or a repeat of a crisis like the one in 2015, when Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro overnight expelled some 20,000 Colombians.

Recently, Colombia's government sent a delegation to

Syrian refugee camps in Turkey to learn how to respond to a sudden wave of mass migration. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is also studying how prepared their offices in Colombia, as well as Brazil and Trinidad and Tobago, are to deal with a potential swell of Venezuelan migrants.

"Since about a year and a half ago, it has been a constant flow," said Daniel Pages, president of the Venezuelans in Colombia Association. "They need to leave in order to live."

Officially, Venezuela denies its citizens are fleeing to Colombia. As recently as February, Maduro claimed Colombians were still pouring "en masse" into Venezuela. Venezuela has not released migration statistics in more than a decade.

Valbuena and Montilla share four tiny bedrooms made of cinder blocks with 12 others. They've scrounged used jackets to withstand Bogota's damp, Andean climate. One of the flattened mattresses in a bedroom was pulled from the trash.

"Every day I wake up wanting to leave, but I can't," says Montilla, who in Venezuela lived in a comfortable home with her children but earned less in one day at an emergency room clinic than the cost of a tube of toothpaste.

On a typical day, Montilla and five others take a bus to a wholesale food market where they purchase mangos. But on this day, mango season is winding down and prices are rising as the fruit becomes scarcer. Instead of about \$4 for a bundle of 30 mangos, the seller wants \$7.50, nearly double.

They don't have the money. Instead, they decide to try and sell the 54 mangos still left in the wooden carts they store overnight in a wealthier part of Bogota.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 **23**

Science & Technology

529s make it easier to ask family, friends for college cash

NEW YORK (AP)—People have used crowdfunding sites to raise money for business ideas, help afford medical emergencies and even to pay

for vacations. Now the concept is coming to college savings.

More 529 plans, the accounts that give families a way

Ringing the changes: Dutch bike lock blocks bicycle rider's phone

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—A telecom company in the Netherlands has developed a bicycle lock that also blocks its mobile network, in a move aimed at protecting young riders who regularly pedal through busy streets while looking at their phone.

An app opens the lock and simultaneously blocks the KPN cellular network, meaning that the cyclist's phone can only be used to call emergency services. Once the bike is locked using the app, the cellphone will work again.

The app, developed with the country's traffic safety authority, does not stop users listening to music stored on their phone, but would prevent them playing streaming content.

The Dutch Traffic Safety Association said Wednesday that the "Safe Lock" is expected to go on sale by the end of the year for around 100 euros (\$110).

The association said that one in five bicycle accidents involving children is caused by smartphone use.

KPN spokeswoman Victorina de Boer said the combination of a network-blocking app and lock, made by the AXA company, is believed to be a world first.

By blocking the network, the lock and app halts not only calls but also the beeps and buzzes that alert users to new messages.

"If you want to assure yourself of not being disturbed by ... notifications which can take away your attention from the traffic around you, then this is a good solution," De Boer said.

The lock initially will be only for KPN clients, "but of course we're open to working together with other providers on this. Anything to increase the safety of children on their bike in traffic," De Boer said.

to put away cash for college, are adding crowdfunding-like tools that make it easier for savers to ask family and friends to contribute to a kid's college fund. Account holders can create webpages and share the links on Facebook, Twitter or in emails. Some parents have asked for cash contributions as birthday gifts instead of toys. Others have used them to boost the savings of a child who lost

a parent. Money is withdrawn from the gift giver's checking account and goes directly into the 529. There are no fees for the service.

Among the 49 states that sponsor 529 plans, more than half have at least one plan that offer some kind of online gifting tool. Those in the industry say they expect more to add the service.

Operators of 529 plans say

savers have long wanted an easier way to receive gifts into their accounts. But plan operators have been slow to offer online gifting because of the costs and difficulty that comes with developing a system that accepts online payments into accounts. Giving to a 529 plan with a paper check can be a pain: Gift givers sometimes need to print out a certificate, ask for an account number and

then drop it all in a mailbox.

"People don't want to send checks," says Mary Morris, the CEO of Virginia529.

Morris says Virginia529's online gifting platform grew quickly after it launched in late May. About 1,200 accounts received cash gifts in the three weeks after it went live. The average gift was \$900, probably as graduation gifts, says Morris; "It's that season."

TECH Q&A

How to replace or erase a hard drive

By STEVE ALEXANDER

Q: Microsoft told me that I need a new hard drive for my Windows 7 laptop. Should I buy a new hard drive or a new computer? I don't want Windows 10.—Alicia Vidal, West Miami. Fla.

A: Buy a new hard drive. It will cost \$40 to \$60 plus the labor to install it, which is cheaper than purchasing a new computer. And it would be hard for you to find a new PC that doesn't come with Windows 10.

I recommend that a repair shop replace the drive. Once done, there are two ways to install Windows 7 on it.

If the current hard drive is still functioning, the shop may be able to make a "system image" of it and transfer that to the new hard drive. The system image would include both Windows 7 and any data that's on the current hard disk. (For details on how this process works, see tinyurl.com/ycnyg4jk).

If the current hard drive isn't working, you'll have to pay the shop to install a new copy of Windows 7, which either you or the shop can buy online for about \$25 (search Google

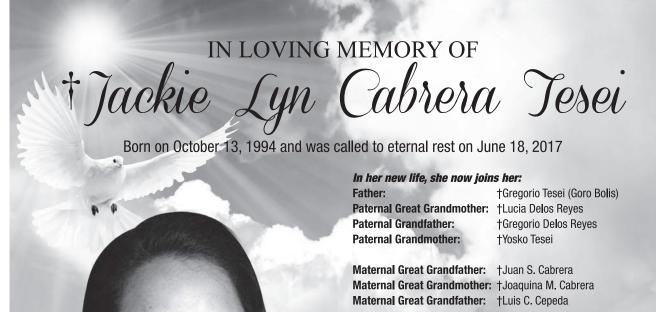
for "buy Windows 7"). Once the new copy of Windows 7 is installed, you can copy any data backups of the original hard disk to the new one. Any programs you used that weren't part of Windows will have to be reinstalled on the new hard drive.

Q: I'd like to dispose of an old desktop PC running Windows Vista. How can I erase or destroy the hard disk drive before recycling the PC? And where can I find a recycler that will take it?—Bill Page, Eden Prairie, Minn.

A: You can either erase the hard disk with "data destruction" software or you can remove the hard disk from the PC and drill a couple of holes in it. Either way, the disk becomes unreadable.

For a list of free data destruction programs, see tinyurl.com/lfus4gt. You'll need to download the software to a USB flash drive or CD disk, then boot (or start up) the PC from that device. (For directions on how to boot a PC from a flash drive or CD drive, see tinyurl.com/nd6qvhd).

To find computer recycling firms near you, do a Google search for "computer recycling" and your ZIP code.



She will live in the hearts and memories of those who love her:

Mother:
Joaquina Elena Cepeda Cabrera

†Gregorio Tesei (Goro Bolis)

Reared Father:
Chris M. Rehebong

Maternal Grandparents:
Jose M. & Victoria C. Cabrera (Papa)

Maternal Great Grandmother:
Benita B. Cepeda

Maternal Grandparents:Jose M. & Victoria C. Cabrera (Papa)Maternal Great Grandmother:Benita B. CepedaGodfather:John O. GonzalesGodmother:Carlynn P. Cabrera

Siblings and Spouse/ Family:

Yosko Tesei & David Camacho (Tasiana Aundrea); Christopher Rehebong Jr.; Caroline C. Rehebong; Chastity C. Rehebong; Jose C. Rehebong; and Christian C. Rehebong

Uncles, Aunties, Spouses and Children:

Joseph C. Cabrera & Shawna A. Sablan (Paige Sablan & Jennah Teixeira, Sable Sablan & Juan Deleon Guerrero, Spencer Cabrera, Reef Cabrera, James Cepeda); Victoria C. Agulto (Takisha, Roy Jr., Devin, Francisco, Ha'Ane); Martin & Erlinda Naputi (Marlyn & Isaiah-Avalyn, Maelyn & Davie, Jose, Franklin)

She is additionally survived by numerous Uncles, Aunties, Nephews, Nieces, Relatives and Friends.

Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of her soul is being celebrated each evening at San Antonio Church at 6:00 pm followed by Holy Rosary. On Sunday, June 25, 2017, Mass of Intention will be celebrated at 9:00 am, followed by Holy Rosary at 10:30 am.

Funeral Service will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 am to San Antonio Church. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am followed by Interment Service at Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will be laid to a peaceful rest.



24 FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Life & Style

IPI's 'School Pride Project' begins as schools go on break



Imperial Pacific International's Corporate Social Responsibility team partners with Garapan Elementary School in commencing this year's School Pride Project, which involves major cleanup and rehabilitation work on public schools' facilities.

With public schools on a summer break, Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. is going full swing with its School Pride Project, a pioneering partnership outreach and engagement initiative of the Corporate Social Responsibility department of the Hong Kong-based investment giant.

The project is key to a larger signature community and environmental-oriented initiative, the "Village Pride Project" of IPI.

In the last two years, Imperial Pacific's CSR partnered with 13 public elementary, middle and high schools in the Commonwealth, providing outreach services through partnership with the schools' repair and rehabilitation work needs.

This initiative has helped public schools with their maintenance and upkeep—costly routine work for a school district that relies on government funding.

There are 18 public schools under the CNMI Public School System, the largest and non-revenue generating government instrumentality in the Commonwealth.

With Imperial Pacific's engagement with public schools, through its School Pride Project, it is able to help ease some of the challenges that beset schools.

The Commonwealth has over 10,000 public schools students.

GES is first

Garapan Elementary School had been undergoing extensive facelift and rehabilitation work in several areas.

Home to the largest public elementary school population in the Commonwealth, GES is



The only stage of Garapan Elementary School, home to the largest elementary student population in the CNMI, receives a fresh coat of paint.

first to benefit from Imperial Pacific's School Pride Project.

School principal Leila C. Yumul said her school continues to receive tremendous support from Imperial Pacific CSR. This work include the repair and rehabilitation of the school's only swing set, which was rendered unsafe for use, water blasting and cleanup in preparation for the school's annual safety and health inspection, maintenance of school grounds, and repair and water blasting of the school's basketball court and backboards.

The project is also working to rehabilitate the school's stage. This has been in dire need for major maintenance work due to storm damage.

The need for more funds to repair the stage is also a factor.

IPI's Corporate Social Responsibility department had also extended support in form of donations to various school-related events to encourage student and family participation.

"Imperial Pacific has been more than supportive of the needs of the school. Their conIMPERIAL PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL tributions have been helpful in providing a safe and healthy school environment, and allowing the students to gain access to community events and activities," Yumul said in a statement.

Yumul, in particular, noted that IPI-CSR is always willing and ready to assist.

"The factors we considered [in reaching out] to Imperial Pacific International is its quick response, the willingness to assist and provide support to assist the students, and great community involvement in meeting both IPI-CSR and Garapan Elementary School goals," she said.

The partnership between GES and Imperial Pacific's CSR team is built on teamwork.

"Garapan Elementary School is beyond grateful for all that Imperial Pacific have offered to the school. The assistance is beyond needed and appreciated. The work and donations have been due to great teamwork and commitment to the goal of GES and IPI," Yumul added. (PR)



Imperial Pacific's CSR team begin major facelift work at Garapan Elementary School.

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Major work includes replacement and rehabilitation of other school facilities.

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Coppola and Kidman on female gaze of 'The Beguiled'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The intersection of Sofia Coppola and Nicole Kidman didn't start with "The Beguiled."

They'd met at parties in passing and had even tried to work together once on a project that fell apart. Coppola loved Kidman's wicked humor and Kidman loved Coppola's cinematic style and vision. So Kidman didn't hesitate to say yes when Coppola asked her to play the part of Miss Martha, the headmistress of a girls' school in the Civil War-era South that's thrown into disarray when they decide to take in a wounded Union soldier, in her retelling of "The Beguiled."

In fact, the two share more than might meet the eyeboth are married to touring musicians, both have daughters around the same age and both have been having an incredible year professionally. Coppola became the first woman in 56 years to win best director at the Cannes Film Festival, and Kidman is enjoying widespread praise of both her film and television work.

The two women gathered recently in Los Angeles to discuss their film, out Friday, the awkwardness of directing a sponge bath, and the reinvigorated support of women in Hollywood.

The remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: Is it a good time for woman in Hollywood?

COPPOLA: I think right now I feel like there's a lot of talk about it with "Wonder Woman" being a big success, that's really exciting, and with our movie getting attention—it's a female cast, a female story.

KIDMAN: And that it's seen from the female perspective. I mean, this is very much from the vision of Sof, so that you see the film in terms how the women view it-the female gaze and not some ... It is important. There's a shift and there's definitely some change happening. Is it enough? No. But you know we're all doing what we can, and we're fortunate to have the opportunities.

AP: Miss Martha's sponge bath of Colin Farrell's character could have easily taken a different tone with a different director.

KIDMAN: I love how demure it is. Well, it's like it

Threats to wife of Trump-like

AP: Sofia, why did you



could have been much more. I just like how it's very real.

COPPOLA: It could have gotten really over the top. But I love that we really focus in on you taking in his body. She hasn't been around a man in so long. I think I was the most embarrassed shooting that scene. I'm sitting off camera and I was like, "Nicole, now can you wash his inner thigh?"

KIDMAN: And I'm staying completely in character. Colin is out, but not really.

COPPOLA: And I'm like turning red like asking her to wash his inner thigh and all my gay guy friends are like, "Couldn't you have just moved that cloth over there? We wanted to see more!" It was funny, but you were all business.

walk away from directing "The Little Mermaid"?

COPPOLA: I just didn't feel like I could do it exactly as I wanted. It's a big budget so it becomes a lot about business.

KIDMAN: I want to see you do that though.

COPPOLA: I wish I could have done that one. But I decided to do a project that was smaller, that I could really have creative control over every aspect ... Does that make sense?

KIDMAN: Absolutely. AP: Have you ever walked

away from something, Nicole? **KIDMAN:** Many times. But for an array of reasons. Sometimes it's because of family ... There are so many life issues that come into it when you're working. We both have children and that's a big commitment, isn't it? ... At one point, I think I was pregnant with Sunday, and I was like, "I'm going to give up acting, I'm done. It's too much. And the baby and that's it." And my mom was like, "Don't do that. Take some time off but don't give it up." She said, "Keep your toe in the water" because she said, "You're going to want that as you get older." And it's also healthy, if you have a creative spirit and you're artistic, there does have to be a place

COPPOLA: That's true, if not it doesn't get expressed...

KIDMAN: It can manifest in different ways.

AP: There seems to be symmetry between this film and "Big Little Lies."

COPPOLA: When I saw the

In this June 13, 2017 photo, Sofia Coppola, left, writer/director of "The Bequiled," and cast member Nicole Kidman pose together for a portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles.

ending of "Big Little Lies" I thought there was a similar solidarity ... I think that is sweet how the women protect each other. And I think that is something about women. Don't vou find that with your friends?

KIDMAN: Definitely. They always say there's a men's club but there is definitely a woman's club in terms of the secrets that are held and the way in which we interact. Particularly when you get older, I think your female friends become more and more—I mean, obviously we live longer!

AP: Do you feel like there's a culture-wide re-evaluation and newfound appreciation of women like you who have been doing incredible work in Hollywood for years?

KIDMAN: I feel a warmth. I don't know if that's the time we're in or a need for it, but there's definitely, instead of tearing you down there's more encouragement and support. I don't know if that's real or if I'm just sensing it, but it's a lovely thing to be a recipient of and to be able to offer it as well.

COPPOLA: There's more openness to our stories.

'Caesar' play director probed

NEW YORK (AP)—Police are investigating threats made to the wife of the director of a New York production of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" that depicted a Donald Trump lookalike character being assassinated.

Police said Wednesday director Oskar Eustis' wife filed a complaint June 9 saying she received threatening phone messages she believes were related to the play

She says one caller wanted her to die after saying her husband wants the Republican president to die.

The Public Theater's production in Central Park has garnered intense criticism since it opened.

Delta and Bank of America pulled their sponsorships of the Public Theater. Several people were arrested for storming the stage in protest. The last show was performed Sunday.

The theater said last week it stood behind the production. The director has said violence is not a solution to political problems.

Diageo to buy Clooney's tequila brand in \$1 billion deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Global liquor behemoth Diageo said Wednesday it will pay up to \$1 billion to buy a tequila brand co-founded by movie star George Clooney.

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Clooney and Gerber, an entrepreneur who is married to model Cindy Crawford, have appeared in ads for the brand. Diageo says the founders will continue to promote Casamigos and have a say in its future.

The deal is expected to close in the second half of this year. "If you asked us four years

ago if we had a billion dollar company, I don't think we would have said yes. This reflects Diageo's belief in our company and our belief in Diageo," Clooney wrote in a statement. "We'll still be very much a part of Casamigos. Starting with a shot tonight. Maybe two."

Serial father keeps chummy relationships with his exes

EAR ABBY: I recently met a 28-year-old father of three I'm interested in. He seems wonderful. He's a hard worker, takes care of his responsibilities and is an amazing father to his children. They're all still very little, but they're great kids.

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I understand that he has to maintain a healthy relationship with his exes for the sake of the children, but I never thought it would be this "healthy." I have never experienced something like this. I appreciate him being upfront about everything, but I can't stop thinking about it. Am I overreacting?

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DEAR THREE'S COMPANY: I don't think so. While I admire the man's devotion to his children—not to mention his skilled diplomatic ability—it does appear that he has a problem making a lasting commitment to a woman. Unless you would seriously consider joining this "harem," I urge you to religiously practice contraception. If you would like

children in the future, it would be better to approach it with someone who isn't as marriage-phobic as this young man appears to be.

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a wedding after which the bride chose not to adopt her husband's last name. After the wedding we met them for dinner. When they strolled up to the restaurant to meet us, I happily exclaimed, "Oh, here come Mr. and Mrs. Smith!" after which I was quickly informed that I was wrong because the bride was keeping her maiden name.

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print sexual questions from her readers?

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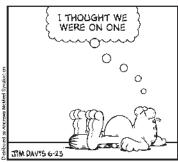












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Draft is next up during NBA's dizzying days of deals



(AP)—Markelle Fultz is ready for the NBA draft. He's already learned about life at the trade dead-

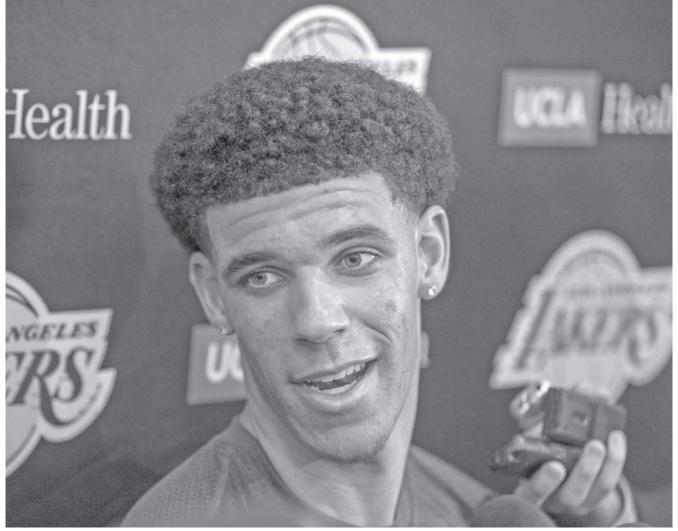
During a dizzying few days of deals around the NBA, the presumed No. 1 pick had his Saturday plans-not to mention his future destinationchange when the Philadelphia 76ers brought him in for a workout. They then completed a trade with the Boston Celtics and are expected to take the Washington guard to begin the action Thursday night.

And if the last few days are indication, what follows might be a wild night inside Barclays Center.

"It's been a little crazy last couple days," Duke forward Jayson Tatum said Wednesday.

Teams seem to have one eye on the draft and future stars like Fultz and Lonzo Ball, while the other is firmly focused on jockeying for proven veterans. Former and future No. 1 picks have already been dealt this week in what feels like the trade deadline, free agency and draft all rolled into one frenzy.

"It just shows you what the NBA is about. I mean, you can get traded in the blink of an eye, without knowing," Fultz said. "It just shows you how



this business is and like I said, I just go with the flow. I've got an opportunity to play basketball and that's all I ask for."

Though Fultz heads what's widely regarded as a strong draft class, the young stars have had to share the spot-

light this week with veterans who are—or could be—on the move. All-Stars and Olympic champions such as Paul George and Jimmy Butler are front and center in trade talk that usually isn't this heavy until February. Dwight Howard was dealt and D'Angelo Russell—who just two years ago was on the same stage the players will walk Thursday as the No. 2 pick—was dealt by the Los Angeles Lakers, presumably to clear the point guard spot for Ball and salary cap space for the future.

"I've been seeing a lot of crazy things. They've been coming through my phone with the ESPN app," Kentucky guard Malik Monk said.

"I knew right before the draft something crazy was going to happen. It happens almost every year, so I wasn't shocked about it.'

Things are expected to settle down a bit for at least the first two picks. The 76ers, selecting first for the second straight year, should take Fultz before Magic Johnson takes Ball with the Lakers again in the No. 2 spot, which is exactly what the UCLA guard and his father, LaVar, want.

"It would mean a lot to play for my hometown and learn from the best point guard ever," Ball said.

In this June 7, 2017, file photo, University of California Los Angeles guard Lonzo Ball takes questions from the media after a closed Los Angeles Lakes pre-draft workout in El Segun-

From there it could be Tatum, Josh Jackson of Kansas, Kentucky's De'Aaron Fox or some other player in the mix at No. 3, where the Celtics will now pick after the deal with the 76ers. Celtics President Danny Ainge said after making the trade he thought he could get the player he wanted two spots lower.

"It's a very loaded class and I feel like especially whichever guys go at the top four, five, there may not be that much separation between (them) because everybody's just so talented," Tatum said.

Many of them, as usual lately, are freshmen. A record 14 were taken in the first round of last year's draft and that number should be threatened Thursday. The Sacramento Kings have two top-10 picks, while NBA champion Golden State and runner-up Cleveland have none in the first round.

Teams chasing those two squads may make up ground quickest with a veteran player they can only get through free agency or a trade, so that may have to wait until July.

But they should be able to find someone good Thursday.

"This, I think, has a chance to be a historic draft," Minnesota Timberwolves general manager Scott Layden said. "You look at the top end of the draft and I think there's a chance that there's going to be a lot of very good players, but it also runs deep into the late first round. I think that's why there will be a lot of activity at this draft, because I think teams see potential to get a great player."

For some rookies, NBA draft isn't the start of a pro career

(AP)—Isaiah Hartenstein's NBA odyssey will start at the draft.

His pro career started years

Unlike Markelle Fultz, Lonzo Ball, Josh Jackson, Jayson Tatum and most everyone else who will get their names called at Thursday's NBA draft—the true start of their pro lives—Hartenstein already knows what playing for a living is like. His pro career started in Germany in 2015, and he helped Zalgiris grab the Lithuanian Basketball League title earlier this month.

And now the NBA awaits the 19-year-old.

"First of all, me playing professional already helps a lot," Hartenstein said. "My body is fit for the league right now. I still have to work on it a lot, but there are skills I couldn't show this year because of the system we played. I have a good shot, I'm very versatile on defense and offense. I think I can help teams out a lot."

His story is not typical.

Born in Eugene, Oregon, where his father played college ball, Hartenstein and his family moved about a decade ago to Germany. They went because his father, Flo, was playing pro ball there. Colleges made their recruiting pitches as Hartenstein got older and taller—he's now 7-foot-1 and about 225 pounds—but he opted to stay in Europe and start practicing and playing against pros when he was 15.

Skipping college was a risk. It might now be paying off.

"He's a 19-year-old kid with a unique background," said Wasserman agent B.J. Armstrong, who represents Hartenstein. "His maturity level is well beyond 19 and I think he has an opportunity to be a very good player here. I commend him for choosing what he thought was the best way for him to develop, and he's now willing to take the

There won't be as much international flavor in this draft as there was a year ago, when a record 27 players from outside the U.S. were selected. But there's been at least 10 international draft picks in each of the last 17 years, and that streak is likely to continue.

French point guard Frank Ntilikina—6-foot-5 with a massive wingspan and who doesn't even turn 19 until July—has been playing pro ball in Europe, like Hartenstein. Ntilikina is projected as a lottery pick, and has had the NBA on his radar for years.

"I work every day to be the best player I can be," Ntilikina said. "And I hope that I've done enough to be a good player in the NBA."

Jonah Bolden is another foreign player with an intriguing back story. The Australianborn forward played one season at UCLA, then left and has since been playing in pro leagues in Australia and Serbia. And guard Terrance Ferguson, born in Oklahoma, decided against college ball and spent this past season playing in an Australian league.

So Hartenstein's isn't the only nontraditional path to the draft. But he's convinced the path he took was the right one.

"The learning experience being overseas, learning from older people, playing with professionals every day, being in the professional lifestyle on and off the court, you learn you have to mature fast," Hartenstein said. "You're not just representing yourself, you're representing the organization. So you learn from the good experiences and bad experiences others have had, and I think that really helps me out."

The NBA was part of Hartenstein's daily routine

while playing in Lithuania: practice in the morning, eat, watch NBA League Pass, practice again in the evening, eat again, watch more NBA League Pass. And when he wanted to talk about NBA life, a great resource was always nearby—his coach with Zalgiris was Sarunas Jasikevicius, who played for Indiana and Golden State.

Being 7-foot-1 with German ties-Hartenstein holds dual German and American citizenship—and a jump shot, the comparisons to Dirk Nowitzki are unavoidable. Even his father sees some parallels between their games.

For now, Hartenstein shrugs off comparisons.

He's just ready to take on whatever challenge the NBA

"Everyone will have their own opinion on how they see me," Hartenstein said. "I'm my own player. At the end of the day, no one can be like Dirk. He's done a lot for the game and I definitely appreciate what he's done for the game in Germany and for European basketball. So comparisons are nice, but at the end of the day I'm my own player and have to show what I can do."

AP source: Cavaliers owner, Billups met for 2nd straight day

CLEVELAND Chauncey Billups once com- tivity of the talks. Billups is peted against the Cleveland the first person to meet with Cavaliers as a player. He Gilbert since he parted ways could be joining them as an executive.

Billups met with team owner Dan Gilbert on Wednesday for the second straight day to discuss a front-office position with the Cavaliers, who are regrouping after losing to Golden State in the NBA Finals.

Gilbert could be close to offering a job to Billups, according to a person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of ano-

(AP)— nymity because of the sensiwith general manager David Griffin this week when talks about a possible contract extension broke down.

Billups was in Cleveland, but as of 7 p.m. EDT there was no official agreement in place. The 40-year-old is likely weighing whether Cleveland is a good spot for him to begin a new career, given the team's recent upheaval and that superstar LeBron James will be eligible for free agency after next season.



CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago's Japanese

reliever Koji Uehara gave up an eighth-inning walk with bases loaded to help San Diego to a come-from-behind 3-2 win over the Cubs in Major League Baseball on Wednesday.

After the Padres' Erick Aybar hit a tying home run in the sixth inning, Luis Torrens walked with the bases loaded against Uehara, and San Diego stopped a three-game losing streak.

Chicago rookie Ian Happ hit a two-run homer in the fourth against reliever Craig Stammen, going deep for the second straight game and third time in four.

Uehara (2-4), the fifth of six Cubs relievers, replaced Pedro Strop starting the eighth and allowed singles to Wil Myers leading off and Cory Spangenberg with one out. Aybar was intentionally walked, loading the bases. Matt Szczur fouled out and Torrens took a 3-1 fastball that sailed inside.

Phil Maton (1-0), the third of five Padres relievers, pitched a scoreless seventh for his first major league win, and Brandon Maurer got two outs for his 13th save.

Marlins 2, Nationals 1

In Miami, Max Scherzer's bid for the third no-hitter of his big league career ended with one out in the eighth inning, and he then gave up two unearned runs as the Miami Marlins rallied to beat the Washington Nationals 2-1.

After backup catcher A.J. Ellis reached on an infield single for Miami's first hit, an error by first baseman Adam Lind and a hit batter loaded the bases with two outs. Scherzer threw a wild pitch that scored the tying run, and Giancarlo Stanton lined an RBI single the Marlins' only other hit to put them ahead.

Uehara gives up walk and win to Padres

Scherzer (8-5) threw nohitters against the Pirates and Mets in 2015, and he seemed on his way to another when he began the eighth inning with a

Royals 6, Red Sox 4

In Kansas City, Missouri, Salvador Perez hit his first career grand slam, connecting in the eighth inning to rally Kansas City over Boston.

The Royals have won nine of 11 and moved within a game of .500.

Perez homered over the Kansas City bullpen in left field on the ninth pitch from Robby Scott (0-1). With Boston leading 4-2, reliever Matt Barnes started the inning by walking Jorge Bonifacio and Lorenzo Cain on 12 pitches.

Scott was summoned to face Eric Hosmer, but walked him on four pitches to load the bases for Perez. The All-Star catcher fouled off three full-count deliveries before hitting his 15th home run of the season.

Rays 8, Reds 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay left fielder Mallex Smith rushed in to tag out speedy Billy Hamilton after a lengthy rundown, highlighting the Rays' win over Cincinnati.

Hamilton stole his major league-leading 31st base in the fourth inning. But he later got trapped when he thought about scoring from second base on a two-out grounder by Eugenio Suarez that shortstop Daniel Robertson bobbled.

Dodgers 8, Mets 2

In Los Angeles, Yasiel Puig riled the struggling Mets with a long look at his threerun homer, Yasmani Grandal added two solo shots and the streaking Los Angeles Dodgers took over first place in the NL West by battering New York pitching again.

Rich Hill (4-3) turned in his best five innings of the season for the Dodgers, who have won six straight and 12 of 13. They jumped a half-game ahead of Colorado, which had its six-game winning streak snapped by Arizona.

Mariners 7, Tigers 5

In Seattle, Jarrod Dyson's bunt single broke up Justin Verlander's bid for a perfect game in the sixth inning and sparked Seattle to a comeback win over Detroit.

Nelson Cruz had three RBIs and Mitch Haniger homered as the Mariners overcame a 4-0 deficit with three runs in the sixth and four in the seventh.

Verlander retired his first 16 batters but didn't make it through the sixth. With one out, the speedy Dyson gave Seattle its first baserunner, beating out a drag bunt between the mound and first that Verlander was unable to reach. Mike Zunino walked and Jean Segura, just activated from the disabled list, followed with a broken-bat single to load the bases.

Diamondbacks 16, **Rockies 5**

In Denver, Taijuan Walker pitched six solid innings and slapped an RBI single during Arizona's biggest inning ever on the road — a 10-run fourth and the Diamondbacks went on to beat the Rockies.

Shaking off Tuesday's tough loss in which Colorado rallied late for a one-run win, the Diamondbacks sent 14 men to the plate and pounded out nine hits, including a two-run double and RBI single by Brandon Drury in his two at-bats in the inning. Drury finished with four hits and career-high six RBIs and the Diamondbacks established season highs in run and hits (20).

Astros 5, Athletics 1

In Oakland, California, Carlos Correa homered and Mike Fiers won his fourth straight decision as the major leaguebest Houston Astros won their ninth consecutive game in Oakland.

Evan Gattis hit a two-run single in the sixth to break a scoreless tie and back Fiers (5-2). The right-hander went six innings to win his seventh consecutive decision on the road for Houston (49-24).

Jake Marisnick added an RBI single in the decisive sixth inning of the Astros' 14th victory in the last 15 overall against Oakland. Marisnick had a sacrifice fly in the eighth after the A's got on the board with pinch-hitter Stephen Vogt's RBI groundout.

Cardinals 7, Phillies 6, **10** innings

In Philadelphia, Tommy Pham's second solo homer off Hector Neris in the ninth inning tied it as St. Louis rallied from a 5-0 deficit to beat Philadelphia in 10 innings.

Jedd Gyorko hit a two-run homer and pinch-hitter Jose Martinez also connected for St. Louis.

The game went to extra innings after Freddy Galvis lined a double down the left-field line with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, but Odubel Herrera ran through a stop sign, around third-base coach Juan Samuel and was thrown out by around three meters. He didn't even attempt to slide and was pulled from the game in a double switch.

Yankees 8, Angels 4

In New York, Didi Gregorius and Matt Holliday each hit a go-ahead homer and New York piled on from there, lifting the Yankees over Los Angeles to snap a season-high

seven-game losing streak.

New York's skid was its longest since 2007. The Yankees haven't lost eight straight since August 1995. They moved back ahead of Boston for first place in the AL East a night after losing the division lead for the first time since mid-May.

Blue Jays 7, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Texas, Darwin Barney's two-run homer capped a six-run first inning and the Blue Jays held on for a win over the Rangers.

Ryan Goins drove in three runs for Toronto, including a two-run double in the first that preceded Barney's homer off Tyson Ross (1-1). Barney was 4 for 40 in his previous 15 games.

Joey Gallo hit his 19th homer for Texas, though it was off the wall instead of over it. His inside-the-park shot leading off the fifth was among his career-high three extra-base hits — he also had two doubles and scored three runs.

Twins 4, White Sox 2

In Minneapolis, Jose Berrios won his fourth straight start for Minnesota and Miguel Sano homered for the second straight game as the Twins beat the White Sox behind two of their brightest young stars.

Berrios (7-1) finished eight innings for a second consecutive turn in the rotation where he's quickly become the ace, striking out eight with just four hits and one walk against him. The White Sox had one single over their last 18 at-bats against the 22-year-old righthander, who lowered his ERA to 2.67.

Braves 5, Giants 3

In Atlanta, Matt Kemp hit a two-run homer off Cory Gearrin in the 11th inning to lift

the Braves to a win over the Giants.

The homer, the third of the game for Atlanta, was Kemp's seventh game-ending shot of his career.

Gearrin (1-2) walked Nick Markakis with one out before Kemp's homer barely cleared the right field wall.

Matt Adams hit a two-run homer and Tyler Flowers also homered off Jeff Samardzija.

Brewers 4, Pirates 3

In Milwaukee, Domingo Santana hit a two-run home run off Pirates reliever Daniel Hudson in the seventh inning to lift the Brewers.

Pinch-hitter Eric Thames cut Pittsburgh's lead to 3-2 with a run-scoring ground out in the seventh. Two batters later, Santana kept a 2-0 offering from Hudson (1-3) just fair down the right-field line to give the Brewers the lead.

Oliver Drake (3-2) received the win after pitching a scoreless seventh. Jacob Barnes struck out the side in the eighth and Corey Knebel recorded his 11th save by working around a one-out single in the ninth.

Indians 5, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Carlos Carrasco struck out 10 and Francisco Lindor homered as the Indians defeated the skidding Orioles for their seventh win in eight games.

Carrasco (8-3) allowed seven hits and walked none over six-plus innings to win his third straight start. The right-hander struck out every Baltimore starter except Trey Mancini to reach double figures in strikeouts for the 11th time in his career.

Not only did the Orioles lose for the 10th time in 14 games, but they have allowed at least five runs in 18 consecutive games — two short of the major league record set by the 1924 Philadelphia Phillies.



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Agent: Tiger Woods in a clinic for handling pain medication

By DOUG FERGUSON



Tiger Woods has checked into a clinic to get help dealing with prescription medica-

tion for pain and a sleep disorder, and his agent is not sure how long he will stay.

Mark Steinberg of Excel Sports Management said Tuesday he could not disclose the location of the in-patient treatment. He said pain medication at times was the only way Woods could get up and moving during the toughest days of recovery following four back surgeries.

"I'm proud of him," Steinberg said. "He's going to get himself right to be able to essentially lead a healthy life-

Woods was arrested on a DUI charge in the early hours of Memorial Day when police in Jupiter, Florida, found him asleep behind the wheel of his slightly damaged car, which was parked awkwardly to the



In this March 20, 2017, file photo, golfer Tiger Woods prepares to sign copies of his new book at a book signing in New York. Woods is receiving help to manage his medications.

side of the road about 15 miles from his house, headed the opposite direction.

This is at least the second time that Woods has sought in-patient treatment. He was in a Mississippi clinic for 45 days in early 2010 when his personal life collapsed over multiple extramarital affairs.

Woods had his fourth knee

surgery after winning the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines for his 14th major. Starting in 2013, however, his back has been the primary source of his injuries. He has had four surgeries on his back starting in the spring of 2014, the most recent fusion surgery two months ago.

"He's been in just immense

pain for so very long that taking prescribed medication was a must just to be able to get up and move," Steinberg said. But, he added, "I don't think it's fair to say there is an addiction."

When he was arrested, Woods' speech was slurred and he was not sure where he was or where he was going. Woods told police he was on several prescriptions. He failed every field sobriety test, though he recorded a 0.00 on a breath test after he was taken to jail. Woods had said alcohol was not involved.

Woods also provided urine samples. The results of those tests are not available.

Jupiter Police spokesman Adam Brown said Tuesday that toxicology results won't be released because they are part of an active criminal investigation. Nicole Lunsford, a records specialist at the police department, said in an email that they were being withheld "per our town legal counsel."

An arrest affidavit listed four medications, including Vicodin, that Woods told police he was taking. In another police report that previously had been redacted, Woods told officers he had been taking Xanax, which treats anxiety and insomnia.

AP Source: Saints' Armstead needs shoulder surgery



NEW OR-L E A N S (AP) — Thehave Saints lost starting left tackle Terron

Armstead for the start of the regular season.

Armstead needs surgery to repair a torn labrum in his shoulder and his rehabilitation is expected to take four to six months, said a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity on Friday because there has been no announcement about the specific nature of Armstead's injury.

Armstead, 25, posted on his Twitter page that he is "heartbroken" and "frustrated" when he learned he'd need the operation.

The 6-foot-5, 304-pound Armstead is in the first year of a five-year, \$65 million extension that he signed before the 2016 season.

He has been a starter since late in his rookie season in

Leg injuries have hampered him for parts of the past two seasons. He played in only seven games last season.

Armstead began his NFL career with the Saints, who selected him in the third round of the 2013 draft out of Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

His latest injury means the Saints will have two starting linemen who will have undergone surgery this offseason.

Starting center Max Unger is coming off foot surgery. While standing in front of his locker in a walking boot, Unger said during Saints minicamp this past week that his goal is to be ready to play by the first regular season game.

If Armstead is able to return in four months, he could begin playing as early as the half-way point in the season. But if his rehabilitation lags, his season could be virtually wiped out.

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Cuadro PS, 103-79.

Only the remaining 2:53 of the first semis match between Ali'i Blue Haus and Arianne was played last Wednesday with the former hanging on to a 65-63 lead. The game first took place last Monday, but was rained out. It resumed with Arianne's Elgene Mangali trooping to the foul line for a pair of free throws, but he split his charities, leaving Ali'i Blue Haus with a shaky 1-point lead.

However, Ali'i Blue Haus eventually lost the driver's seat as it was held to one field goal in the continuation, while Arianne hit two and sealed the

ing in a big crowd. However,

here, majority of the specta-

tors will definitely cheer for

the home team so there will

be some pressure playing in front of your people. The boys

will just play their usual game

and will not underestimate any

deal from the stripe, drilling four more free throws after Mangali's split. Paul Almario had a triple and one free throw, while Mangali went 2-for-2, and Chris Lilles contributed one. Dexter Guiang knocked in the other field goal for Arianne, while Jeff Garcia scored the only basket for Ali'i Blue Haus last Wednesday.

Arianne played steadier in the homestretch to foil Ali'i Blue Haus' comeback bid. Ali'i Blue Haus fell behind by double figures at halftime, 24-37, before cutting the deficit to 7, 44-51, going into the final quarter. Lerio Pagarao led the Ali'i Blue Haus fightback in the third period after scoring the team's first 8 points in that canto.

team, so hopefully they will

get the win they need to make

pei, Hong Kong, the Philip-

pines, and the CNMI in the

Junior League and the Senior

League's Guam, the Philip-

pines, and the host squad will

participate in today's opening

ceremonies that will begin

it to the finals," Cheng said. Meanwhile, Chinese-Tai-

Ali'i Blue Haus kept going in the fourth with Elmer Esdrelon, Darwin Barbo, and Pagarao teaming up and the squad went on to grab the lead after the former's basket, 65-63. Mangali tried to regain the upper hand quickly, but was fouled. However, his two charities had to wait for two days, as rain poured and organizers were forced to suspend the match.

Mangali made his first charity and missed the second when the game resumed and his team went on to reclaim the upper hand and take the win to advance to the finals against SSFM.

SSFM sealed its spot in the title game right in the opening quarter, as it pulled away, 28-11. Jack Lizama reported back

at 9am and will be attended

by government officials and

members and officers of the

After the opening, the

CNMI will kick off the ac-

tion in the World Series quali-

fier as it takes on Guam in the

Senior League game at 10am.

In the second match at 1pm,

the CNMI will also play and

sports community.

for duty for SSFM and helped Andrew Palino, Andrew Ashburn, and Dan Barcinas in giving their team a good start.

Lester Babauta joined the surge in the second quarter after burying four straight triples and SSFM continued its demolition of the hapless Cuadro PS in the second half for the easy win.

Ashburn paced SSFM with his 20 points, while Barcinas and Babauta chipped in 18, and Palino and Lizana added 17 and 13, respectively.

The date of the SSFM-Arianne title match will be announced next week.

First Game

Arianne 74 – Mangali 17, Sanguyo 17, Viray 11, Alma-

will challenge Hong Kong

in the Junior League. For the

Saturday schedule, the first

tiff in the Junior League will

be Hong Kong versus the

Philippines at 9am, while the

Guam-Philippines game in

the Senior League is set for

12pm. In the last game to-

morrow at 3pm, the CNMI

will take on the tournament

rio 10, Lilles 6, Mungcal 4, Guiang 3, Paraiso 3, Sison 3.

Ali'i Blue Haus 67 – Barbo 13. Pagarao 12. Esdrelon 10. Talania 9, Demapan 7, Peredo 3, Tumaquip 3, Guiab 2, Berline 2, Fernando 2, De Dios 2, Garcia 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-12, 37-24, 51-44, 74-67.

Second Game

SSFM 103 – Ashburn 20, Barcinas 18, Babauta 18, Palino 17, Lizama 13, Galarse 9, Echavez 2, Pantaleon 2, Libuw 2, Santos 2.

Cuadro PS 79 - Ferrer 23, Estolas 16, Gunnacao 12, Quan 10, Velasco 7, Guntar 4, Directo 4, Rabauliman 3.

Scoring by quarters: 28-11, 46-32, 75-49, 102-79.

The Senior and Junior league divisions will both use a double-round robin format in the preliminary with the Top 2 teams advancing to the finals that will be played on Thursday, June 29. The Junior League title game is scheduled at 10am, while the Senior League finals is set for 1pm.

favorite Chinese-Taipei.

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swim in the waters off Kanoa Resort in Susupe, while the 40K bike leg will be up north with the transition and finish at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion across the Oleai Sports Complex. For the final leg-the 10K run—triathletes will also head north and cruise along Beach Road up to the turnaround point at the Chamolinian Utt in Garapan and back to Minatchom for the finish.

"I am looking forward to the swim leg, which I learned has a piece of World War II history. It's really nice to join the race for the first time and learn about the course and its history," said Solana about the swim portion that will have participants swimming around the partially

"I will relax a bit in the swim leg and then try to get momentum in the bike before going all out in the run," said Solana, who was among the pros that attended Tagaman's

submerged World War II tanks.

press conference yesterday at the lobby of Kanoa Resort.

Though the swim leg is just a short course, Glenn Policare of Kanoa Resort cautioned Solana and other pros, telling them not to take other swimmers lightly, as there are some tough competitors in tomorrow's race.

"Watch out for the Saipan Swim Club swimmers. They are fast," Policare said.

Hodges admits she is not a very good swimmer, but is a force to be reckoned with in the bike leg.

"I will be pushing harder in the bike leg and hopefully get a good lead and stay close with the leaders, going into the run part," said Hodges, who will battle the women's pro division crown against Tsang, Leanne Szeto, Manami Iijima, and Emily Northrop.

Miller, on the other hand, will be aggressive right from the start, while Cho and Wong are hoping for good weather so they can finish safe.

"Olympic distance is my event and if the weather is good, I could see myself finishing early," Cho said.

This year's Tagaman draws 102 participants with 43 of them from off-island. Fortysix are entered in the solo race and 14 in the relay/team. Nearly half of the off-island triathletes joining tomorrow's Tagaman are from South Korea (20 participants).

Motorists and pedestrians are reminded to take extra caution on race day, especially in the morning, and give way to bikers and runners.

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boys U18 division of the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League, while the 670 Sonics XVIII remained in the Top 4 of the team standings.

The Ol'Aces improved to an 8-0 record and joined the NMI Rollers at the No. 1 spot following a 78-27 demolition of Mt. Carmel School last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The 670 Sonics XVIII, on the other hand, defeated Kagman Rollers last Tuesday, 51-42, to gain a 7-3 record and retain the No. 3 spot in the rankings. Idle 670 Sonics XVI is at second place with its 8-2 mark.

Ronald Bernardo led the 670 Sonics XVIII's victory over Kagman Rollers (5-6), as he scored 16 points, including 7 in the fourth quarter. The final canto ended with the 670 Sonics XVIII ahead by only 3, 35-32, before Bernardo

Ol'Aces share lead; Sonics XVIII wins



jumper during an earlier game against Kagman Sparks in the boys U18 division of the Diaz youth caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. helped his team widened the

670 Sonics XVIII's Robert

Paragados pulls up for an open

gap a little bit. Kagman Rollers, which forced the 670 Sonics XVIII to a deadlock at halftime, 22-22, failed to keep up with its foes in the fourth period after making only four field goals.

Jelbert Quitugua had 11 markers on a losing effort for Kagman Rollers, while Jerome Malasarte backed up Bernardo after adding 12 points.

In the Ol'Aces-Mt. Carmel game, the co-leaders pulled away right from the get-go, taking a 24-7 advantage after

the first quarter. The Knights never made any headway in the remaining three periods, dropping the team to sixth place in the standings with their 6-5 record. Mt. Carmel has one more game left before moving into the playoffs. Only the Top 8 teams after the round-robin regular season of the 12-squad field will advance to the single-elimination playoffs that will start on July 5.

The Ol'Aces are also assured of the playoff berth with its perfect record so far and is likely to be paired against a lowerranked team in the next round.

Coby Santos and N-Nes Siech scored 11 points apiece in the Ol'Aces' easy win, while three of their teammates chipped in at least 8 markers apiece to rout the Knights, who

had no players breaking into double figures.

In other results, the Natibu Warriors moved up to No. 5 in the standings following a 72-46 victory over the Northside Wolves last Wednesday.

Natibu now has a 6-4 record to clinch a playoff berth, while the Northside Wolves fell to a 2-8 mark and has been eliminated.

Rahwoo Sulap lifted Natibu to the 26-point winning margin after firing 22 points. Travis Melwelbug contributed 12, while Duncan Laxa led the Wolves with his 15 markers.

The Wolves' loss to Natibu came just one day after the former slipped past the Kagman Sparks, 45-44. Laxa knocked in the go-ahead basket and scored 6 of the Wolves' last 8 points in the match.

Kagman Sparks is joining the Wolves for an early vacation as the former is also out of contention with its 1-8 record.

3 schools in PIC Hafa Adai 5K get prizes

Pacific Islands Club Saipan handed over prizes to three schools with the most number of participants in the 2017 PIC Hafa Adai 5K Run held last April.

PIC, which organized the race, turned in \$500 worth of gift certificates from All Star Sporting Goods sponsored by Let's Move Marianas each to Oleai Elementary School,

Agape Christian School. Oleai fielded 183 students in the event, while Hopwood was represented by 60 students, and Agape had 65.

Besides the student-runners from the three schools, over 1,000 others joined the PIC Hafa Adai 5K. Proceeds from the event were donated to

Hopwood Middle School, and Marianas Tourism Education Council, which teaches kids through its MY WAVE Club the benefit and value of our tourism industry.

> Meanwhile, PIC will host another event next month with the staffing of the Laser Tag Tournament on July 15. More information will be announced as the competition nears. (PR)



Pacific Islands Club's Keoni Ichihara, right, hands over the \$500 gift certificate to Agape Christian School's Pastor Pang as a prize for Agape's participation in the 2017 PIC Hafa Ada 5K last April.



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Pacific Islands Club's Keoni Ichihara, third front row, hands over the \$500 gift certificate to a Hopwood Middle School official as a prize for the Hilitais' participation in the 2017 PIC Hafa Ada 5K last April.



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SAIPAN TRIBUNE



Pros aim for faster, safer Tagaman finish

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nticipate the pro division in the 2017 Tagaman Triathlon 5150 to wrap up early this Saturday as seven triathletes are looking to complete the Olympic-distance course in a little over two hours.

Korean Kaon Cho, who has been racing in the longest-running triathlon event in the Pacific the past few years, is going for a 2:05:00 finish time, while another Tagaman returnee Aleksandr Dorovskikh of Russia is targeting 2:10:00. The Philippines' Ian Solana, Maria Hodges, and Joseph Miller, who are debuting in this weekend's race, is

looking at between 2:15:00 and 2:20:00, while Hong Kong's Ka Hung Tsang and Lawrence Wong are aiming for 2:40:00. Last year's No. 1 overall finisher in the Olympic distance course—South Korea's Gyu Ri Kim—timed in at 2:19:53.

Ri Kim—timed in at 2:19:53.

This year's Tagaman will start with a 1.5-kilometer

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4-time World Series champs all set for ASPAC

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Chinese-Taipei will be a marked team when the

2017 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament opens today at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Chinese-Taipei is represented by Shing-Ming Junior High School, which won the Junior League World Series in the last four years. The four-time champions will be playing its first game today at 4pm against the Philippines and will also duel the host CNMI All-Stars and Hong Kong in its bid to advance to the World Series for the sixth straight time.

"The boys are ready. They dominated their league back home and were undefeated," said Chinese-Taipei Baseball Association's Sam Cheng,



who also serves as the squad's interpreter.

The Wei Chin Huang-managed team from Taoyuan arrived on Saipan early Thursday morning and had their training session yesterday afternoon at the "Tan Ko" field.

"They are trying to get the feel of the field and the weather so they will be able to adjust quickly," said Cheng, adding that they are looking at the CNMI as their toughest competitor because of its hometown edge.

"The boys are used to play-

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A Chinese-Taipei player throws a warm-up pitch during a short training session yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. Chinese-Taipei will battle the CNMI, Hong Kong, and the Philippines in the 2017 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament that opens today.

Arianne vs SSFM in finals



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Arianne Fish Mart and SSFM arranged their winner-take-

all finale in the 2017 San Antonio Summer Basketball League after earning contrasting victories last Wednesday night at the San Antonio court.

Arianne booked the first finals ticket after edging Ali'i Blue Haus at the continuation of their semis duel, 74-67, while SSFM took the last seat to the title showdown after dominating

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